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Charleroi murder

Boyfriend charged

Joseph John Natale was jailed without bond after he surrendered to state police.

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Just days after he moved into an apartment in downtown Charleroi, Joseph John Natale has been accused of strangling his girlfriend following a fight at their residence late Saturday.

Natale, 28, of 213 Fifth St., Apt. 3G, was charged Tuesday with criminal homicide, aggravated assault and abuse of a corpse in the death of Amanda Faux, 22.

Faux

Natale was charged shortly after he surrendered to state police in Rostraver Township around 8:30 p.m.

Natale was arraigned before night duty Magisterial District Judge James Ellis, of Peters Township.

He was placed in the Washington County Correctional Facility without bond. Faux's nude body was found in a dumpster in an alley near the apartment complex.

Natale and Faux began dating shortly after they met about four months ago, Charleroi police Lt. Jim Disanti said. They subsequently decided to move in together.

Ronny Sawyer, who lives at the end of the same block as the apartment complex, said the couple was still moving in Saturday, and recalled seeing sofa cushions in the hallway.

While visiting a friend in the complex, Sawyer was invited to a small gathering on the third floor of the 213 Fifth St. location.

According to police, Natale and Faux attended the party that night. Sawyer recalled that the couple was invited to the gathering to welcome them to the apartment complex.

Sometime between 10:30 and 11 p.m., Sawyer heard sounds emanating from the couple's 3G apartment.

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Council sets sites on trash deadbeats

North Belle Vernon will lean on scofflaws by placing liens on their property.

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NORTH BELLE VERNON – Borough council Tuesday agreed to pursue property liens against residents who fail to pay delinquent garbage bills.

For several months, council has attempted to collect from 103 customers with unsettled accounts totaling about $25,000.

Council President Dennis Simboli last night said about 30 customers still have not paid a total of roughly $7,000.

Simboli suggested placement of liens.

Councilman R.J. Sokol expressed concern that a few of the customers may not be fully negligent because they are renters and that bills sometimes are sent to landlords instead of tenants.

"It was our responsibility to bill the homeowner," Sokol said.

Simboli said eight to 10 of the customers could be in that situation and that council would address those accounts on a case-by-case basis.

Solicitor Mark Ramsier said he would review the delinquent accounts and take legal action, if necessary.

Council approved a $4 a year increase for garbage service.

Simboli said the money will cover the cost of a part-time clerk council hired to help seek payments for delinquent accounts.

Council will have to bear extra expense unless about 40 homeowners soon agree to disconnect their downspouts as a requirement of the new sewer system project.

The properties are on Hill, Westmoreland and Graham streets.

Simboli said it is important the homeowners comply in the next few weeks while the project contractor, W.G. Tomko, is in the borough so stormwater can be diverted to the proper channels.

Simboli said the contractor will perform the work free, as part of the project, if the downspouts are disconnected while the project is being finished.

Simboli said it will cost about $30,000 to have Tomko return after the project is complete.

Written warnings were taken to each home last month.

Council agreed to send final warnings and then cite the property owners who do not comply quickly.

In an unrelated matter, after years of debate, council approved a 10-year cable service contract with Comcast.

Council's previous agreement ended in 1999.

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Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Timothy Alan Large Jr., left, has been charged in the death of Vernon Hayden Sr. Above, the victim's daughter, Sandra Ducarme, left, and his daughter-in-law, Linda Hayden, of Glassport, discuss the incident. They were at Ducarme's home in Monongahela.

Step-grandson accused in Hayden Sr. slay case

Investigators said Timothy Alan Large Jr. dumped the body in the Monongahela.

By MICHAEL HASCH
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Timothy Alan Large Jr., of Forward Township, described in gruesome detail how he shot his stepgrandfather in the head and disposed of his body, police say.

Large Jr., who police said confessed to shooting and killing his step-grandfather and dumping the body in a river, was charged Tuesday with criminal homicide.

Large Jr., 30, of Sunnyside Hollow Road, also was charged with abuse of a corpse and related crimes in the death of Vernon Hayden Sr., 71, of Elizabeth Township.

Hayden, whose body has not been recovered, has not been seen by family members since Dec. 6.

Large, who was awaiting arraignment in Night Court, has been in jail since Dec. 11, when Hayden's pickup truck was found parked outside the home of Large's girlfriend in Brentwood.

"We have a lot of mixed feelings," Hayden's daughter-in-law, Linda Hayden, said after detectives told the family about the arrest.

"We need to get Pappy recovered so we can get some closure. It's been over a month, and we still have no body to say good-bye to," Hayden said.

She said Large is the son of Timothy Large Sr., who was a baby when his mother married Vernon Hayden.

According to a criminal complaint, Timothy Large Jr. told Allegheny County homicide detectives:

He entered Hayden's home late on Dec. 7 with the intent of stealing his pickup truck. Hayden was asleep on the sofa but awoke as Large sat on a chair about six feet away.

Large, who accused Hayden of abusing Large's grandmother and another relative, took a rifle from its storage area behind the chair and fired a single shot into the side of Hayden's head.

He wrapped Hayden's body in a blanket and carried it to the truck along with a bag of candy, some frozen food and dog food.

Large collected several blood-spattered items from the home and used a second blanket to clean blood off the kitchen floor before driving to his own home where he fed his dogs. He then drove to a burned house trailer on Sunnyside Hollow Road where he tied a

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> VICTIM'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

Monessen leads Web technology project

The state E-Fund grant will benefit five area school districts.

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MONESSEN – Faculty members and students in the school district soon will benefit from a high-tech telecommunications network.

Superintendent Dr. Cynthia Chelen said she learned last month the district will receive Educational Technology Fund – E-Fund – money from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Monessen led the way in securing $839,717 in state money for the Southern Region Consortium. Belle Vernon Area, Mount Pleasant Area, Norwin and Southmoreland also will benefit.

While Monessen was the lead grant applicant, a project management team of representatives from all districts will oversee development of the regional fiber optic network.

The board presented a resolution to accept the contract for construction of the network during an

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Zoo director faces heat

The lawyer for two tiger victims is threatening a defamation suit.

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO – Since the deadly tiger escape at the San Francisco Zoo, its director has come under increasing criticism over his track record and his suggestion that the victims brought the attack on

which accredits the nation's zoos, and the San Francisco zoo's overseers are standing by Mollinedo.

"Since Manuel joined us in 2004, the zoo is in better physical and financial shape than it's ever been," said Nick Podell, president of the San Francisco Zoological Society. He praised Mollinedo's handling of the attack.

AZA spokesman Steve

sponsors and refurbished exhibits at the Depression-era facility.

Then came the tiger attack. The 350-pound Siberian tiger apparently jumped over a 12 1/2-foot wall around its pen and killed 17-year-old Carlos Sousa Jr. His friends, brothers Kulbir Dhaliwal, 23, and Paul Dhaliwal, 19, were mauled.

Sousa was laid to rest

Yesteryear

These players were among the Mon Valley (Big 9) Football Conference All-Stars honored at the 17th annual MVFC dinner Dec. 8, 1966, at the Twin Coaches in Rostraver Township The event was sponsored by the Mon Valley Sportswriters

Valley briefs

Area man indicted for bank robberies

An Elizabeth man was indicted on federal bank robbery and attempted bank robbery charges.

Jay Oswalt, 36, of 2741 Greenock Buena-Vista Road, was indicted by a federal grand jury for robbing the Huntington Bank, Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, on Nov. 26; the National City Bank, 200 E. Main St., West Newton, on Dec. 10 and attempting to rob the PNC Bank, 2150 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, on Dec. 3.

Oswalt faces a maximum sentence of 60 years in jail, a fine of $750,000, or both.

New Eagle man admits to fraud

John Slimick, of New Eagle, pleaded guilty in federal court to a charge of health care fraud.

Slimick, 49, of 135 Fifth Ave., participated in a scheme to defraud Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield by cooperating with a chiropractor who submitted false claims worth approximately $156,058.63 for fictitious treatments from Jan. 1, 1996, to Dec. 31, 2002.

According to testimony before United States District Judge Gary L. Lancaster, Slimick was paid $20,390.79 for his part in the scheme.

The investigation is continuing.

Slimick will be sentenced 10:30 a.m. April 18.

'Burgh casino set to open in 2009

Casino officials say the Pittsburgh Majestic Star casino is expected to open on May 1, 2009.

Casino vice president and general manager Ed Fasulo says that's subject to construction delays or other factors.

Businessman Don Barden broke ground on the $450 million casino Dec. 11, after nearly a year of delays. The facility is expected to open with 3,000 slot machines before expanding to as many as 5,000 machines.

Cops hunt robber with bad eyesight

State police in Westmoreland County are looking for a bank robber who, they say, might have a hard time seeing them coming for him.

Police say the man who robbed the First Commonwealth Bank in Youngwood on Tuesday was wearing thick "Coke bottle" type glasses.

They say the white man also has a mustache, appeared to be about 30 to 35 years old and is about 5-foot-8 and 140 pounds.

Police say the man did not produce a weapon, he simply demanded money from a teller.

Windy weather impacts region

Windy weather has knocked branches off trees and knocked out the power to more than 17,000 customers in western Pennsylvania.

The region remained under National Weather Service wind advisory throughout this morning.

The weather service says winds gusted to 45 mph late Tuesday and through this morning. Gusts up to 35 mph were forecast through tonight.

Duquesne Light said about 10,000 customers were without power this morning, while Allegheny Power said 7,500 customers didn't have electricity.

Emma Jene Lelik/For The Valley Independent

Mary DeLuca, of Monessen, received many cards and floral tributes for her 100th birthday observance.

Monessen woman celebrates new stature as a centenarian

"Keeping busy ... doing lots of volunteer work."

That's what Monessen resident Mary Orrico DeLuca attributes her happy attitude toward life to as she celebrates her 100th birthday.

Homemade bread and spaghetti were especially anticipated by her family.

"I was always involved in projects at St. Cajetan Church and school cafeteria," she said.

"When we were baking bread at the church, I'd have to hide somewhere when my grandson Joey would come for me at 7 o'clock after the evening Mass and try to take me home," she smiled.

She sold war bonds during World War II and took an active part in a variety of homefront endeavors for the war effort.

Born in Monessen on Jan. 8, 1908, she never left the city (to live).

She married Joseph DeLuca on July 12, 1923 and remained in the family home on McMahon Avenue even after her husband died in 1979.

Her daughter and son-in-law, Ida and Samuel Dalfonso, convinced her to come and live with them 14 years ago.

"My grandson (Magisterial District Judge Joe Dalfonso) suggested they add a place for me onto their Overhill Drive home and here I am," she said.

Her grandson is still able to dote on her because he lives right next door.

In addition to Ida, Mrs. DeLuca had another daughter, Angeline, who is deceased, and two sons, Frank, who lives in Pittsburgh, and Ernest, also deceased.

The centenarian was a joy to talk with. Although she appeared quite radiant in her favorite rocking chair, surrounded by many floral tributes that had arrived, she admitted: "Only thing on me that doesn't hurt are my teeth - because they're not mine!"

We talked about her cooking and baking skills and I learned her lemon pies were favorites among her neighbors on McMahon Avenue.

Mary is the last surviving member of her immediate family.

Her five sisters are all deceased.

A devout Catholic, she now watches Mass on television.

Typical of her Italian hospitality, she called to daughter Ida to give me some pieces of choice chocolates as I was leaving the home.

In celebration of her 100th birthday, relatives and a few close friends gathered at the Alpine Club in Monessen on Sunday afternoon.

Her six grandchildren, Ernest DeLuca Jr., Jerry DeLuca, Sara Dziak, Joseph Dalfonso, Sherry Miscovich and Aaron DeLuca, were present along with her 11 great-grandchildren.

Ceraso wrecks in county-owned car

Commissioner's vehicle hit two deer while he was returning home from a party.

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Westmoreland County Commissioner Tom Ceraso: "I can use the car whenever I want to use it."

Westmoreland County Commissioner Tom Ceraso wrecked his county-issued car late Saturday as he drove home from a party in Vandergrift after the Pittsburgh Steelers' playoff game.

Ceraso hit two deer that jumped onto the road, according to a report filed with the county's insurance office. He was not injured.

Ceraso said the crash occurred about 11:30 p.m. on Route 56, outside of his hometown of New Kensington. He hit two of three deer on the roadway, causing front-end damage to the county's 2004 Chevrolet Impala.

"I can use the car whenever I want to use it," Ceraso said in an interview Tuesday. "I'm allowed to drive it for work-related things, and report mileage and pay taxes for my personal use."

Westmoreland County's vehicle use policy dates to March 1988. That policy allows elected officials to use their county-issued cars for "minimal" personal use.

Other county employees are prohibited from driving their take-home county vehicles for personal use. Use of the cars is restricted to business purposes and commuting to and from the job.

The policy stipulates that passengers not related to the performance of official county business cannot be transported in county-owned vehicles.

Ceraso said he was alone at the time of the crash.

Ceraso is the only commissioner who uses a county vehicle. Commissioner Tom Balya and newly installed Commissioner Kim Ward drive their personal vehicles and do not accept mileage reimbursement. The county provides reimbursement at the rate of 50.5 cents per mile in keeping with the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business purposes in 2008.

Ward, in her second day on the job, said she wasn't aware of any vehicle usage policy, but said that it should prohibit anyone, including elected officials, from using county cars for personal business.

"This is not just a Tom Ceraso issue but a county issue for everyone who has a car," Ward said. "It's a liability issue. If a county employee wrecks a vehicle, the county will be liable and it will cost us money."

Debbie Waller, associate director of the county's human resources department, said the cost to repair Ceraso's car has yet to be determined.

Ceraso said he drove off in the car after hitting the deer and did not file a police report. Since Monday, Ceraso has been driving another county car, one that had previously been issued to former Commissioner Phil Light.

Ceraso said he drove his county-issued car to and from the party because his personal vehicle, a Jeep, was in a repair shop.

"When my vehicle is available on weekends I don't move the county car much," Ceraso said.

He uses the county car to commute to and from work. According to records on file with the Controller's Office, Ceraso drove the car 855 miles for personal use in 2007. He drove 600 miles on personal business in 2006.

County policy requires elected officials to submit mileage totals for their county cars. They pay income taxes on the miles they drive for personal use, but don't pay for gasoline.

Ceraso said taxpayers benefit from his driving a county car.

"If you look at what it costs the county for what I drove, compared to what it costs the county to pay me for miles, it is cheaper for the county," Ceraso said.

DeWeese might face ire from Dem caucus

Planned private retreat for lawmakers could develop into something more.

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HARRISBURG - A private retreat for state House Democrats today is focused on issues, but could become an event where rank-and-file members air gripes about what role Majority Leader Bill DeWeese might have played in awarding bonuses to legislative staffers for campaign work as well as the slow pace in the House last year.

House Democrats are expected to meet today at a Camp Hill hotel to discuss health care, energy and property tax reform -- issues that stalled in 2007. The afternoon session, according to the agenda, is about "internal caucus operations and procedures." Gov. Ed Rendell is the lunch speaker.

"The agenda includes some substantive issues," said Rep. Don Walko, D-North Side. "But the second part of the day, after lunch with the governor, will be an internal caucus.

"I'm sure we will discuss -- I know there have been discussions about 'Bonusgate,' not about that specifically, but about how we want to proceed as far as leadership. Those discussions are ongoing. We're struggling as members with how to move forward. I think that's pretty well known."

Walko said that he knows of no plans to reorganize leadership, but members have concerns about how to proceed because of the investigation.

The House agenda for 12 months has been "a train running amok, close to a train wreck," said Rep. John Pallone, D-New Kensington. House leaders are distracted and "the public and the members are asking them to be accountable," he said.

In the Senate, meanwhile, an Altoona Republican who urged the attorney general to investigate legislative bonuses early last year said he's frustrated there is no apparent investigative activity there, where top GOP staffers received large bonuses.

"It's approaching almost a year and I haven't seen anything in the Senate," Sen. John Eichelberger said Tuesday. He said officials with the Attorney General's Office told him they're pursuing "low-hanging fruit" first, but plan to investigate members of both parties in the House and Senate.

Attorney General Tom Corbett, a Republican, has

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RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

AMATANGELO — Amelia M. Amatangelo, 89, formerly of Donora, on Sunday, Jan. 6.

DURKALSKI — Josephine Durkalski, formerly of Donora, on Friday, Dec. 21.*

DZURINKO — Adele Dzurinko, of Monessen, on Monday, Jan. 7. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

MIALE — Ralph Miale, of Carlsbad, Calif., formerly of Monongahela, on Monday, Jan. 7.*

PROTIN — William Felix Protin, of Charleroi, on Tuesday, Jan. 8. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.

WALTERS — Harry W. Walters, 95, of Washington, Pa., on Monday, Jan. 7. Hummell & Barnhill Memorial Chapel Inc., Washington, Pa.*

PREVIOUS DEATH

McINTYRE, Luther J. Sr.*

* See death notice

Josephine Durkalski
Formerly of Donora

Josephine Durkalski, 88, passed away at the home of her daughter in Arnold, Md., on Friday, Dec. 21, 2007. She was born in Donora, the daughter of Stanley Wisniewski and Pauline Kearns. A homemaker, Mrs. Durkalski enjoyed her children and grandchildren. She is survived by three children, James (Cindy) Durkalski, of Medina, Ohio, Karen Durkalski, of Arnold, and Joseph (Laura) Durkalski, of Wheeling, W.Va.; four granddaughters, Rachel, Lauren, Kirsten and Valerie; one grandson, Nicholas; and two great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Alexandra. She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin, in 1987. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church in Monessen on Friday, Dec. 28, officiated by the Rev. Michael McKay. Burial followed in St. Hyacinth Cemetery, Monessen.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Adele Dzurinko
Monessen

Adele Dzurinko, of Monessen, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, in Autumn Arbor Estates, Monongahela. She was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church in Monessen. Surviving is one step-son, George (Barbara) Dzurinko, of Charleroi; two grandchildren, Mike (Kim) Dzurinko, of Charleroi, and Tammy (Chris) Robison, of Monongahela; two great-grandchildren, Amanda and Ashley Robison; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Peter and Roseanne Anielewski, she was preceded in death by her husband, George M. Dzurinko Sr.; two brothers, Walter and Henry Anielewski; and two sisters, Wanda Zilka and Helen Luczkowski. Friends will be received from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Blvd., Monessen, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, where a blessing service will be held Thursday, Jan. 10, at 9:30 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in Epiphany of Our Lord R.C. Church, followed by interment in St. Hyacinth Cemetery, Monessen.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Luther J. McIntyre Sr.
Pricedale
(Rostraver Township)

Luther James McIntyre Sr., 86, of Pricedale (Rostraver Township), departed this life on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, in Kenric Manor Nursing Home, Donora. Born June 18, 1921, in Roxboro, N.C., he was the son of the late James Luther McIntyre and Nellie Kelley Goldman McIntyre. He was retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp. with 46 years of service, and he was a faithful member of Pleasant Green A.M.E. Church in Pricedale. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 67 years, Martha Minnie McIntyre; three sons, Terrance McIntyre, of Monessen, Luther Jr. (Melanie) McIntyre, of Belle Vernon, and Marlon McIntyre, of Pricedale; three daughters, Lutricia Osborne, of Ayden, N.C., Shelma Lee, of Pricedale, and Bonnie Chilton, of New Eagle; two sisters and one brother, Dorothy Randall, of Washington, D.C., and Rosabell Jones and Paris McIntyre, both of Harrisburg; 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren; and cousins, friends and church family. He will be sorely missed. Friends will be received Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in Pleasant Green A.M.E. Church, 403 Johnson Ave., Belle Vernon, where a blessing service will be held Thursday, Jan. 10, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Patricia Dudley officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Professional arrangements have been gently placed in the hands of the HOUSE OF JACKSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1324 Meldon Ave., Donora (724-379-5420); Karl Jackson, funeral director.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Ralph Miale
Carlsbad, Calif.
Formerly of Monongahela

Word has been received of the death of Ralph "Nick" Miale, 73, of Carlsbad, Calif., formerly of Monongahela, on Monday, Jan. 7, 2008. He was predeceased by his parents, Ralph and Anne Miale. Survivors include two sisters, Frances Cost, of Pittsburgh, and Becky Cooper, of Irvine, Calif.; and two brothers, William Miale, of Pittsburgh, and Louis Miale, of Finleyville. Funeral services were private.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Harry W. Walters
Washington, Pa.

Harry W. Walters, 95, of Washington, Pa., died, Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, in The Washington Hospital. He was born Nov. 18, 1912, in Luzerne Township, Fayette County, a son of Joseph and Lucy Clark Walters. He was retired from the Chartiers Mine. He and his wife owned Harry's Amoco at the corners of LaBelle, Maxwell and Rush Run roads. Mr. Walters was a member of Local Union No. 6330 in District 4. He was a lifelong member of West Bend United Methodist Church in Fayette County. Mr. Walters was a veteran of World War II, serving with the United States Army from Dec. 23, 1942, to Sept. 27, 1945. On June 4, 1947, in Oakland, Md., he married Ruth Evelyn Waters, who survives. In addition, he is survived by two sons, Donald Keith (Robbin) Walters, of East Millsboro, and Kevin Lee (Darlene) Walters, of California; two daughters, Eileen (Joseph) Dochinez, of California, and Carol (Joseph) DiTullio, of Washington; six grandchildren, Jacque Mari Dwyer, James (Carol) Conner, Corey Conner, Keith Walters, Season Marie and Trisha Lynn Walters; three great-grandchildren, Tanner Matthew Walters, Brody Rian Conner and Gia Rain Conner; one sister, Leatha "Dot" Waters; and one brother-in-law, Russell (Donna) Waters. Deceased is one daughter, Sherri Lynn Walters; one grandson, Ryan Robert; two sisters, Bertha and Helen; and one brother, Jake. Friends will be received Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the HUMMELL and BARNHILL FUNERAL HOME INC., Thomas W. Hummell, Supervisor, and Douglas M. Jones, Director, 420 Locust Ave., Washington (724-225-7710). Services will be held Friday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m. in West Bend United Methodist Church, Fayette County, with the Rev. Janice McClay officiating. Interment will follow in West Bend United Methodist Church Cemetery. On-line condolences can be left at www.hummellandbarnhill.com

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Bankruptcy filings up in region

Despite tougher federal bankruptcy regulations, this area saw a 30 percent increase.

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Two years after a new federal law made it harder for wage earners to dump their debt through bankruptcy, filings in Western Pennsylvania jumped by 30 percent in the first nine months of 2007, compared to the same period in 2006.

The caseload for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Western Pennsylvania increased to 8,905, up from 6,828 for the same period in 2006. The western district consists of bankruptcy courts in Pittsburgh, Johnstown and Erie.

"I think it's a combination of things. It's the utility costs, the increase in the cost of fuel and the increasing ARMs (adjustable rate mortgages)," said John P. Vetica, a Moon attorney who has been handling bankruptcy cases for 34 years.

Bankruptcy filings rose last year because "there was a pent-up demand, largely because people and the attorneys were learning the new law," said Downtown attorney Robert O. Lampl, who has been practicing bankruptcy law for 34 years.

Most of the provisions of the Bankruptcy Abuse and Consumer Protection Act took effect in October 2005. The law makes it more difficult for individuals to seek court protection from their creditors. Using federal income guidelines, wage earners are required to undergo a "means test" to determine their ability to repay at least a portion of their debt within a specific time period.

"I think it is a normalization of the bankruptcy filings after the changes of 2005," said Pittsburgh bankruptcy attorney Robert Bernstein. While there was a "drop off the cliff" in filings for about four months after the law took effect, consumers' primary reasons for bankruptcy remained --- job loss, health problems or divorce, Bernstein said.

A big reason more consumers filed for bankruptcy last year is that housing costs rose because interest rates on adjustable rate mortgages jumped, said Caryn Bilotta, manager of educational services for the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Western Pennsylvania Inc.

That jump in rates cost some homeowners several hundred dollars a month. That extra money "might have been what they were paying on their credit card debt," said Bilotta, whose agency provides credit counseling.

DeWeese (FROM PAGE THREE)

said his office is investigating $3.6 million in bonuses doled out in 2005-06 by leaders of both parties in both chambers. Most of the public focus of the investigation has been on House Democrats, who spent two-thirds of the total. Bonuses given by House Democrats grew from $435,000 in 2005 to almost $1.9 million in 2006, when the party regained control of the chamber.

DeWeese claims he didn't know about an alleged scheme to award bonuses to employees who helped get members re-elected, until e-mails were uncovered that could implicate top staffers. He fired seven staffers in November.

State-paid bonuses for campaign work are "the worst thing I've seen in 28 years," retiring Rep. Tom Petrone said yesterday.

Petrone, D-Crafton, a longtime DeWeese supporter, said he recently told DeWeese he was disappointed by "Bonusgate" and that, as leader, DeWeese ultimately is responsible.

"The buck stops there," said Petrone.

Former Rep. Mike Veon, previously No. 2 leader of House Democrats and now a Harrisburg lobbyist, "ran most of the show," Petrone said. Veon has not responded to phone and e-mail messages.

DeWeese last month visited newspaper editorial boards across the state in an effort to shore up pubic support. His spokesman was unavailable for comment yesterday. DeWeese told the Tribune-Review last week he will pursue an aggressive agenda this year.

"We're here to do the people's business," said Rep. Joseph Preston, D-East Liberty. "I am frustrated we haven't been able to advance legislation." Preston said losing top staffers in November affected the handling of bills, but he remains confident in House leadership.

Rep. Camille "Bud" George, D-Clearfield, a 34-year House veteran, said he believes the attorney general's investigation "hit its high point, as far as the House Democrats are concerned."

"I believe this is over. It will never happen again. Let's put this behind us," George said.

"I believe (DeWeese) didn't really know what went on. I don't believe he would do anything dishonest."

POLICE LOG

Monongahela

■ Brian Helmick, 31, of 318 Westminster Ave. Greensburg, and Robert Gunnoe, 36, of 543 Independence Ave., Uniontown, were charged with theft by unlawful taking and criminal mischief 2 p.m. Monday at Second Street and Railroad Street, Monongahela, after they allegedly took property owned by Norfolk Southern Railroad, police said.

■ Michael Yuhas, 20, of 249 Tanner Ave., Elizabeth, and Clifford Enyeart, 20, 8190 Mentor Road, Elizabeth, were charged with underage drinking 1:15 a.m. Dec. 29 in the 100 block of East Main Street, police said.

■ Dorothy Fine, 37, of 303 Second St., Monongahela, and Michael Leech, 25, of 163 Main St., New Eagle, were charged with harassment 2:53 a.m. Jan. 1 as a result of an incident that took place at 783 E. Main St., Monongahela, police said.

■ Mark Maisano, 43, of 23 W. Main St., Apt. 1, Monongahela, was charged with public drunkenness 2:15 a.m. Jan. 1 in the 200 block of West Main Street, Monongahela, police said.

■ Henry Collazo Jr., 21, of 601 Hill St., New Eagle, was charged with public drunkenness and disorderly conduct 12:27 a.m. Friday at 134 First Ave., New Eagle, police said.

■ Anthony Pelligrino, 52, of 820 Marne Ave., Apt. 2, Monongahela, was charged with disorderly conduct 9:20 a.m. Friday on Jackson Street in Monongahela. At 10 p.m. that same date, he was charged with disorderly conduct and criminal mischief as a result of an incident that took place at Bill's Tavern, Finleyville, police said.

■ Two female juveniles from New Eagle, ages 14 and 17, were cited for harassment and disorderly conduct 7:30 p.m. Monday as a result of an incident that occurred on the railroad tracks near Fifth and Tenth streets in Monongahela, police said.

■ John Soroka, 45, and Deborah Soroka, 37, both of 208 Walnut St., Monongahela, were cited for harassment 9 p.m. Monday at their home, police said.

■ William Kennedy, 25, of 360 Deauville Drive, Monroeville, was charged with public drunkenness, simple assault, disorderly conduct and harassment 8:20 p.m. Jan. 2 at 318 West Main St., Monongahela, police said.

■ George Thomas Vickers Jr., 31, of 2123 Rankintown Road, Finleyville, was charged with aggravated assault, recklessly endangering another person, disorderly conduct and harassment as a result of investigation into an incident that took place Nov 10 along Route 88 in Finleyville, police said.

Carroll Township

■ Police Chief Paul Brand said high winds caused a wooden utility pole to short out and catch fire 6:30 this morning.

Brand said the pole, located at the intersection of Donora and West Euclid roads was on fire for about an hour.

Carroll Township firefighters had to wait for an Allegheny Power crew to arrive and turn off the power before they could extinguish the flames, Brand said.

No injuries were reported.

Tri-Community Ambulance assisted at the scene.

■ Police said two quads were reported stolen 10 a.m. Saturday from a trailer at 9 Sneezy Road in Monongahela.

Police Chief Paul Brand said one of the stolen quads was recovered on a nearby farm after it was driven through a wooded area.

The other quad, a green 2004 360cc Kawasaki Prairies model, is still missing.

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VALLEY BRIEF

The Charthene Club of Charleroi will meet Thursday at Jem Lounge on Coyle Curtin Road. Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m.; the meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Scrap pile blaze doused in Mon City

Monongahela volunteers called to scene of accidentally set fire.

The Monongahela Volunteer Fire Department handled an industrial scrap pile fire Tuesday afternoon without incident.

Fire Chief Frank Hnatik said employees from Monongahela Iron and Metal at 613 East Main St. called the fire department to report that they were burning materials in the scrap yard and accidentally ignited a pile of junk vehicles, metal and rubber.

Hnatik said the fire occurred at about 3:45 p.m. and encompassed a 100-foot by 50-foot area.

Firefighters cleared the scene by 6:15 p.m., Hnatik said.

The chief said steady winds carried the smoke away from nearby homes and no injuries occurred.

Firefighters closed part of East Main Street and a section of railroad for about two hours so a hose could be run from a nearby hydrant to the fire, Hnatik said.

Hnatik said the cause of the fire has been ruled accidental.

The New Eagle Volunteer Fire Department assisted at the scene.

TODAY IN HISTORY

January 9

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2008. There are 357 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Jan. 9, 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif.

On this date:

■ In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

■ In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury, N.J.

■ In 1861, Mississippi seceded from the Union.

■ In 1908, French philosopher and feminist Simone de Beauvoir was born in Paris.

■ In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines.

■ In 1958, President Eisenhower, in his State of the Union address to Congress, warned of the threat of Communist imperialism

■ In 1964, anti-U.S. rioting broke out in the Panama Canal Zone, resulting in the deaths of 21 Panamanians and several U.S. soldiers.

■ In 1968, the Surveyor VII space probe made a soft landing on the moon, marking the end of the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

■ In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purported biography of him by Clifford Irving was a fake.

■ In 1997, a Comair commuter plane crashed 18 miles short of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing all 29 people on board.

■ **Ten years ago**: Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam visited the Maze Prison to make a face-to-face appeal for peace to Protestant militants. The Barry Switzer era with the Dallas Cowboys ended with the announcement of the coach's resignation.

■ **Five years ago**: U.N. weapons inspectors said there was no "smoking gun" to prove Iraq had nuclear, chemical or biological weapons but they demanded that Baghdad provide private access to scientists and fresh evidence to back its claim that it had destroyed its weapons of mass destruction. Thousands of Venezuelan bank workers stayed home to support a nationwide strike seeking new presidential elections.

■ **One year ago**: U.S. forces staged airstrikes against suspected al-Qaida fighters in Somalia in the first offensive there since 18 American soldiers were killed in 1993. Apple Computer CEO Steve Jobs unveiled the iPhone, which went on sale the following June. Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken Junior were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Carlo Ponti, the Italian movie producer who discovered — and married — actress Sophia Loren, died in Geneva at age 94.

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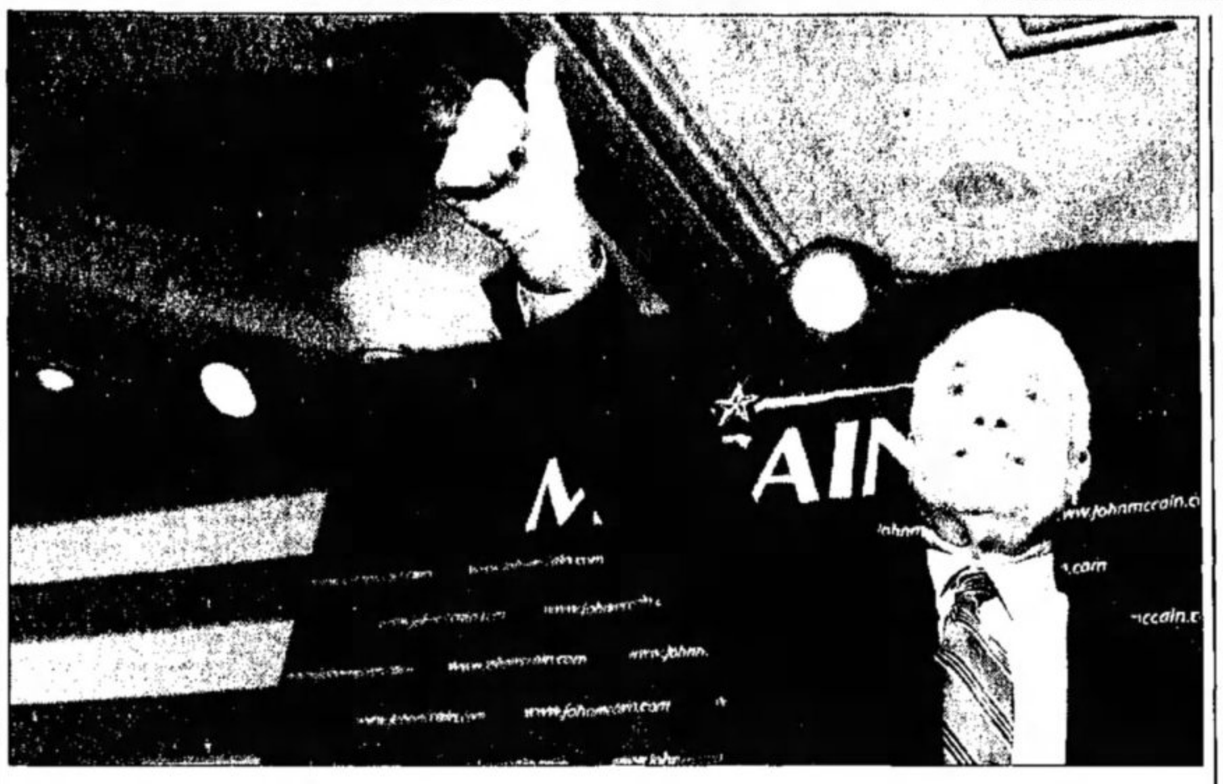


Associated Press

Republican presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., gives a thumbs up as he arrives for his post primary election victory party in Nashua, N.H., Tuesday.

New Hampshire, Iowa results indicate campaign wide open

Candidates have a variety of plans to tweak staffs and strategies, rest and raise money.

By LAURIE KELLMAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — With voters in Iowa and New Hampshire having done little to clarify the race for the White House, Democratic and Republican candidates are fanning out across the country with a variety of plans to tweak staffs and strategies, rest and raise money.

But they generally agreed on one thing: to tough out a grueling campaign pace until Feb. 5 when nearly two dozen states cast ballots.

"We're in it for the long haul," Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton declared to a screaming crowd of supporters moments after being declared the winner in a nail-biter against Barack Obama in New Hampshire and resurrecting her quest for a second Clinton presidency. "Tomorrow, we're going to get up, roll up our sleeves and keep going."

Hers was only one of a pair of political comebacks Tuesday in New Hampshire, where a record turnout also revived the White House hopes of Republican John McCain seven months after his campaign had seemed to be down for the count.

"Tonight, we sure showed them what a comeback looks like," a grinning McCain told supporters as they chanted, "Mac is back!"

"Tomorrow, we begin again," he added.

For all the candidates going the distance, that means new focus on Michigan (Jan. 15), South Carolina (Republicans, Jan. 19; Democrats Jan. 26), Nevada (Jan. 19) and Florida (Jan. 29). Two dozen states vote on Super Tuesday, Feb. 5.

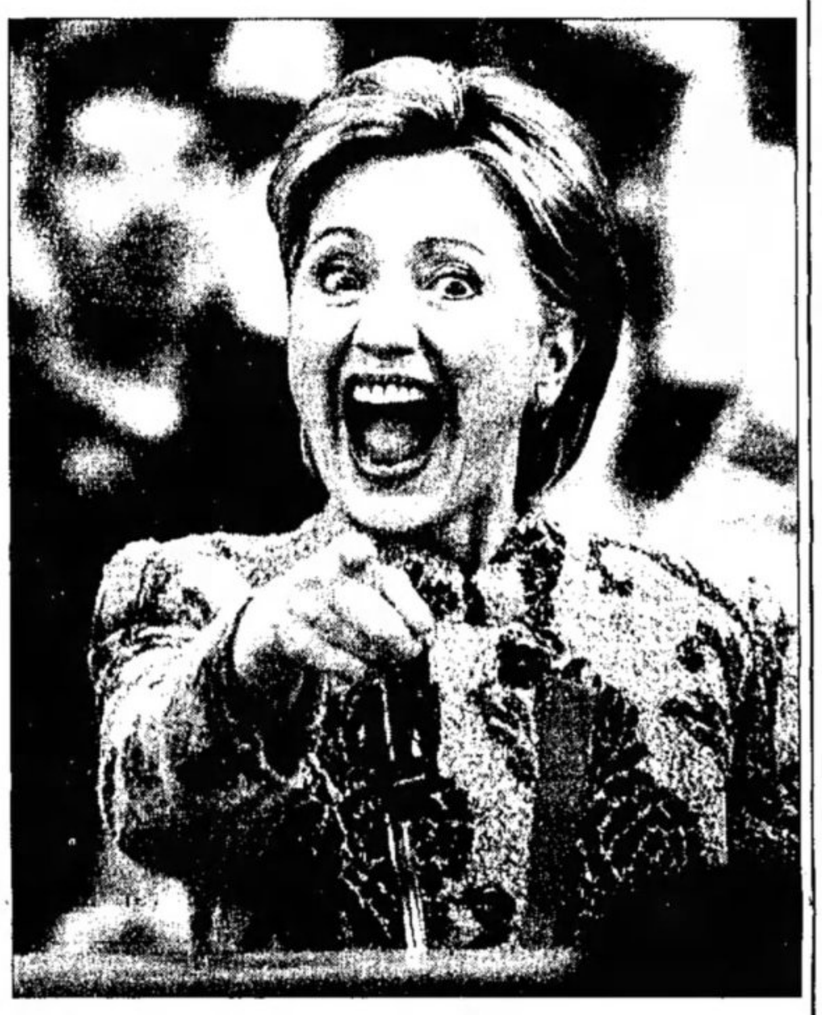
The victories for McCain and Clinton were evidence of New Hampshire's prickly habit of rejecting those chosen by Iowa voters a few days earlier and raised the prospect of a drawn-out nomination battle between two history-making candidates: Clinton, who would be the first woman to hold the presidency, and Obama, who would be the first president of African-American descent.

"I am still fired up and ready to go," a defeated Obama told his own backers. "We know the battle ahead will be long. But always remember that, no matter what obstacles stand in our way, nothing can stand in the way of the power of millions of voices calling for change."

McCain rode a wave of support from independent voters to defeat former Gov. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, a showing that reprised the senator's victory in the traditional first-in-the-nation primary in 2000 before he was knocked out of the race in South Carolina where independent voters do not vote in the party primaries.

The results were a bitter blow to Romney, the Republican who spent millions of dollars of his own money to win the kickoff Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary — only to finish second in both.

Even so, the businessman-turned politician said he would meet McCain next week in Michigan, and he cast himself as just what the country needed to fix Washington. "I don't care who gets the credit, Republican or Democrat. I've got no scores to settle," he told supporters.



Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y. reacts at her primary election night victory rally in Manchester, N.H. Tuesday.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Bush endorses Turkey's EU bid

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush gave Turkey's bid to join the European Union a glowing endorsement on Tuesday and called the Islamic nation a "constructive bridge" between the West and the Muslim world, offering a much-needed boost to U.S.-Turkish relations.

"I think Turkey sets a fantastic example for nations around the world to see where it's possible to have a democracy coexist with a great religion like Islam and that's important," he said.

Bush spoke to reporters following a meeting with Turkish President Abdullah Gul. The two appeared together on the South Lawn, where Bush said he supported Turkey's efforts to fight the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK rebels, in northern Iraq.

Bush called the PKK an enemy to Turkey, Iraq and "to people who want to live in peace."

Recordings show sea confrontation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Small Iranian fast boats swarmed around massive U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf, and a man speaking heavily accented English threatened, "I am coming to you. ... You will explode," according to a video released Tuesday by the Pentagon.

The Iranian boats appeared to ignore repeated warnings from the U.S. ships, including horn blasts and radio transmissions, as the ships moved through the Strait of Hormuz into the Gulf.

In a four-minute, 20-second video, shot from the bridge of the destroyer USS Hopper, the small boats — including a bright blue one — can be seen racing near the wake the U.S. ships and crossing close to each other.

The video condenses what Navy officials have said was a 20-minute or so clash early Sunday between three Navy warships and five Iranian fast boats.

It ends with a blank screen, as only the audio of the Navy's final warning can be heard, just after the voice warns that they are coming.

President Bush on Tuesday denounced the incident as a "provocative act."

Military's policy on gays shifting?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even if no one is asking, Army Sgt. Darren Manzella has been telling anyone who'll listen that he's gay — without serious retribution so far from the military.

Manzella, a medic who served in Iraq and Kuwait, has acknowledged his sexual orientation in national media interviews and again on Tuesday in a Washington news conference.

"This is who I am. This is my life," said Manzella, who received a combat medical badge for his service in Iraq.

Aubrey Sarvis, executive director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, said Manzella's case demonstrates the military is arbitrarily enforcing its "don't ask, don't tell" policy now that the country is at war.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

HARRISBURG (AP) — One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Tuesday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $100,000.

Lottery officials said 96 players matched four numbers and won $317 each; 3,394 players matched three numbers and won $9.50 each; and 36,452 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The winning numbers drawn Tuesday in the "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game were: 03-24-27-29-30.

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DAY PICK BIG 4:	0-7-1-3
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TREASURE HUNT:	5-6-7-21-24
CASH 5:	3-24-27-29-30
MATCH 6:	9-18-24-25-40-41

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, JAN. 8

DAY PICK 3:	0-6-5
NIGHT PICK 3:	0-4-2
DAY PICK 4:	1-6-1-0
NIGHT PICK 4:	8-1-5-9
ROLLING CASH 5:	10-15-18-22-36

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, JAN. 8

DAILY 3:	1-1-8
DAILY 4:	5-2-6-7
CASH 25:	9-10-13-14-19-21

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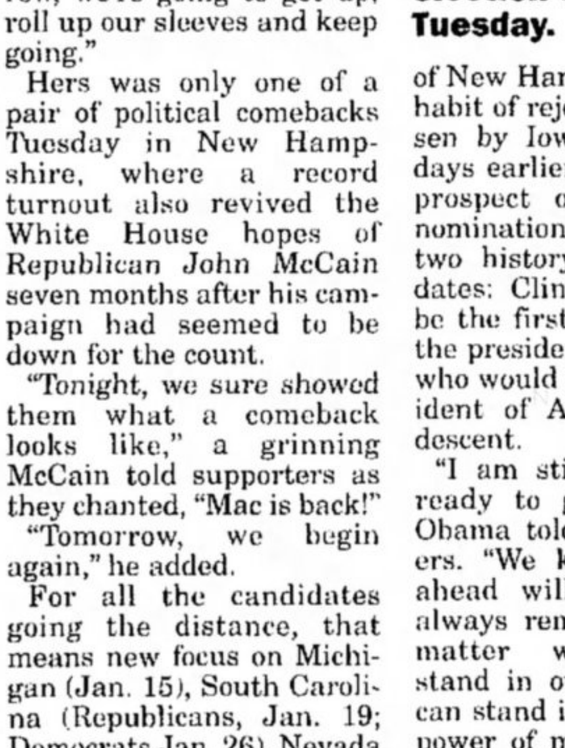

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OUR OPINION

Kepics, Tempest signal fresh start

BRIAN TEMPEST is a seasoned police officer who has a new job and a new mission.

The 22-year veteran of the Monongahela Police Department was appointed police chief earlier this week by new Mon City Mayor Bob Kepics.

In addition to overseeing the 12-member force, Tempest is under orders from the new mayor to improve the flow of police reports to local news media outlets, including *The Valley Independent.*

In one of his main campaign planks, Kepics said too few Monongahela police reports were being released to the media. But he said that will change now that he is mayor and Tempest is chief.

The new chief agreed.

"People have said over and over, 'Doesn't anything happen in Monongahela? Why are there no reports?' Well, I think people have a right to know if there was a crime in their community, in their neighborhood," Tempest said shortly after succeeding Dennis Mendicino, who has served as chief since 1994.

"I want to improve our public image," he added. "We need to be more open with the people, more visible and it starts with the chief."

That's music to our ears because this newspaper has complained loudly and often about the reluctance of some local police departments to inform the public about what's happening in their communities.

If, for instance, a community is being victimized by a burglary ring, wouldn't the residents of that community be better prepared to protect their property if they were aware that criminals were on the loose?

Apparently, Kepics and Tempest believe so. And so do we.

We wish Kepics and Tempest well as they take on their new responsibilities.

They certainly seem to be off to a great start!

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ANOTHER VIEW

Austin American-Statesman, on the state of the economy:

Economically, at least, 2007 ended on a down note. Stock market indexes have fallen the last few months, taking a lot of 401(k)s and IRAs with them. Housing prices in 20 large metro areas have fallen by about 6 percent compared with a year ago. ...

Some of the nation's biggest, most prestigious banks and investment firms were shocked to learn this year that there's a real-world reason for calling certain mortgages "subprime." They are more likely to go into default, as they did, and the wealth of a lot of banks and investors tanked as a result. ...

Apparently, too, quite a few homebuyers were shocked to discover that adjustable rate mortgages, or ARMs, really are adjustable — monthly payments can go up, sometimes by a lot — as interest rates rise and grace periods expire. ...

Take heart, though, not all the economic news is bad. Despite the recent stock market dip, the Dow Jones Industrial Average is up about 7 percent for the year, the S&P 500 up about 4 percent, and Nasdaq up almost 11 percent. ...

Still, given Wall Streets overall record this year, we hope political candidates will refrain from promising, if elected, to run the government like a business. We have enough trouble as it is.

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Foreign affairs

Charley **REESE**

I'm reading a collection of short stories by Rudyard Kipling. Some of them are set in Afghanistan, where the British were fighting the Afghans in the 1800s. Funny how in 2008, the British are back in Afghanistan fighting the Afghans.

You would think that three wars with the Afghans would be enough, but apparently the imperial impulse dies hard, even after the original British Empire has left Great Britain a third-rate country whose leaders seem to think they have no choice but to play tag-along behind the Americans.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization has no reason to exist, let alone be in Afghanistan. It is a relic of the Cold War that should have been disbanded when the Russians disbanded the Warsaw Pact. The American Establishment, however, seems to think it is a handy way to drag the Europeans into our own imperial schemes.

Nevertheless, American forces have been in Afghanistan for five years now, and American officials keep saying the Afghan army is not ready to defend the country. They say the same thing about the Iraq army. Funny, we can take a kid out of high school, give him 16 weeks of training and ship him off to combat, where he gives a pretty good account of himself. Why has it taken five years to field an army in Iraq and Afghanistan? I've never been able to get an intelligent answer to that question. I suspect the real answer is that the American government does not plan to leave either country for a very long time.

There is a lot of oil in one country and a route for a pipeline in the other. The U.S. seems to have decided to replay the "Great Game" with Russia over the Caspian Sea petroleum resources, just as the British Empire once played it with Russian Empire when both had their eyes on India.

As most of you know, I would prefer we abandon our empire, for it is, like every other empire in history, bleeding us of treasure and blood. We don't need to have troops in South Korea, Japan, Germany, the Balkans and the Middle East. None of those countries is a threat to us, and all are capable of defending themselves. We have many domestic problems that need both the attention and the resources of the government.

Of course, journalists have as much influence on national and international affairs as a fan sitting in the bleachers has on the management of a professional baseball team. We can only observe and cheer or jeer. Voters are the only plain people who can influence foreign policy, but they can only do it if they choose intelligently which politicians to retain in office and which ones to dump.

The American Establishment, by and large, excludes the people from any discussion of foreign policy. Other than as a recipient of propaganda, we have no part to play in setting the policy of our own government. We should object to that on principle, but most Americans have little interest in foreign affairs.

Perhaps when the traditional population has been replaced (or should I say displaced) by new immigrants, which shouldn't take that long at the present rate, the newly arrived citizens will be more interested in overseas affairs. By then we should be multilingual as well as multicultural. We might even get a president who could read a foreign newspaper.

I am, at least, preparing for the future by developing a taste for Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Arab, Hungarian, French, Persian and Slovakian cuisine. All are easily available in the American city where I live. That in itself ought to tell you something.

Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

'Defining atrocity' against our Marines

Diana **WEST**

A major story of 2007 was the progressive unraveling of the case against the seven Marines and one Navy corpsman charged in connection with the Nov. 19, 2005, killings of Iraqi civilians in Haditha during a day of intense action. To date, charges against four of the men have been dismissed altogether. Two men have been ordered to a court martial. Two cases are pending.

What a difference a year has made since charges came down at the end of 2006. The New York Times in October mourned — I mean, noted — the shift: "Last year, when accounts of the killings of 24 Iraqis in Haditha by a group of Marines came to light, it seemed that the Iraq war had produced its defining atrocity, just as the conflict in Vietnam had spawned the My Lai massacre a generation ago."

No "defining atrocity"? Gee, that's too bad. The Times went on to lament that the presiding military investigator recommended that murder charges against the ranking enlisted Marine, Staff Sgt. Frank D. Wuterich, be dropped. And this, the newspaper bellyached, "may well have ended prosecutors' chances of winning any murder convictions in the killings."

No murder convictions? Well, boo — the heck — hoo.

This isn't to suggest that the four remaining Marines facing legal proceedings are in the clear. Quite the contrary. Consider the two cases going to military court. The court martial of Lance Cpl. Stephen Tatum, charged with aggravated assault and reckless endangerment, is scheduled for March 28. He could face up to 19 years in prison, a dishonorable discharge and loss of retirement benefits. The court martial of Lt. Col. Jeffrey Chessani, charged with failing to properly report and investigate a possible "law of war" violation, is scheduled for April 28. He could face more than two years in prison, a dishonorable discharge and loss of retirement benefits.

Having survived their war in Iraq, the lives of these American soldiers remain very much in jeopardy. But the most sensational charges against them have fallen apart. Who can forget the March 19, 2006, Time magazine story by Tim McGirk entitled "Collateral Damage or Civilian Massacre in Haditha?" The story answered its own question by describing a vengeful, Marine "rampage."

On May 17, 2006, Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., piled on to say what happened at Haditha was actually "much worse" than the Time story. Official investigations were still underway, but the ranking member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee repeatedly condemned the Marines for having "killed innocent civilians in cold blood."

As if to underscore the point, on May 25, 2006, then-commandant of the Marine Corps Michael Hagee announced he would embark on a grand tour of Marine bases to "reinforce standards and core values." This didn't exactly come off as a vote of confidence in his men.

As 2008 begins, Haditha hysteria still blights the lives of all the men who were implicated, not just the soldiers remaining in legal limbo. But what about the accusers who trumpeted the worst of the charges? Are they accountable for tarnished reputations? Terminated careers? Legal bills? Outrage? Night sweats?

Dream on. McGirk has moved on to a plummy new assignment as Time Jerusalem bureau chief, even as Time has moved away from signal points in the initial report. Via subsequent "corrections," Time asserted that the identity of a key source was grossly misrepresented, and admitted that allegations about a photograph reported as "one of the most damning pieces of evidence investigators have" was based on information from a source who later said "he had no firsthand knowledge" of it.

Murtha refuses to comment on the matter publicly or otherwise; as a defendant in a civil libel suit filed by Staff Sgt. Wuterich, he's appealing a federal court order to be interviewed by Staff Sgt. Wuterich's attorneys.

Hagee, whom Murtha has ID'ed as his source (Hagee denies this), has retired.

End of story? Not necessarily. The week before Christmas, the North County Times of San Diego reported that lawyers for Tatum have asked the military court to order Murtha to submit to interviews about his comments. They also "want to force an interview with retired Marine Corps Commandant Michael Hagee about what Hagee may have said to Murtha or others about the Haditha killings."

The judge has yet to rule on this matter, but I, for one, hope he orders up the interviews. What is said may reveal that the Iraq war has indeed produced its "defining atrocity" — against our own Marines.

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AS HEARD ON PAUL HARVEY NEWS

Famous EdenPURE® portable heater that can cut your heating bill up to 50% is now much better

Heats a large room in minutes with even heat wall to wall and floor to ceiling

Does not get hot, cannot start a fire and will not reduce humidity or oxygen

RECORD HEATING BILLS PREDICTED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THIS YEAR

By John Whitehead, Media Services

The famous infrared portable heater, the EdenPURE®, which can cut your heating bills by up to 50%, has been greatly improved.

The new heater heats better, faster, saves more on heating bills and runs almost silent.

The federal government has recently reported that winter heating bills are expected to reach a record this year. For some people, heating bills will increase up to 30% compared to last year.

You have probably heard about the remarkable EdenPURE® as heard on Paul Harvey News and on television features across the nation.

The EdenPURE® can pay for itself in a matter of weeks and then start putting a great deal of extra money in your pocket after that.

And that's just the start of the benefits for the new EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater.

A major cause of residential fires in the United States is portable heaters. But the EdenPURE® cannot cause a fire. That is because the quartz infrared heating element never gets to a temperature that can ignite anything.

The outside of the EdenPURE® only gets warm to the touch so that it will not burn children or pets. Pets can sleep on it when it is operating without harm.

The EdenPURE® will also make you healthier. That is because, unlike other heating sources, it will not reduce humidity or oxygen in the room. Typical heating sources reduce humidity which dries out your sinuses, makes you more susceptible to disease and makes your skin dry. With other heating sources, you'll notice that you get sleepy when the heat comes on because they are burning up oxygen.

The advanced space-age EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater also heats the room evenly, wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling. Other heating sources heat rooms unevenly with most of the heat concentrated high in the room and to the center of the room. And, as you know, portable heaters only heat an area a few feet around the heater. With the EdenPURE®, the temperature will not vary in any part of the room.

Unlike other heating sources, the EdenPURE® cannot put poisonous carbon monoxide into a room or any type of fumes or any type of harmful radiation.

The new improved models are the Model 1000-XL and the Model 500-XL. See the improvements provided on this page. For more details on the amazing EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater, here is my interview with Julius Toth, Director of Product Development for BioTech Research®.

Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the EdenPURE®?

A. This advanced heating element was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones. He had a large old farmhouse that was impossible to heat. Jones had a coal furnace in his basement. Jones placed a sheet of cured copper near the furnace to store it. Cured copper is a type of copper that goes through an extensive heating process to give it special properties.

Never be cold again

Cannot start a fire; a child or animal can touch or sit on it without harm

After the fire went out in the coal furnace, Jones noticed that the sheet of copper was heating his entire basement evenly, even though the furnace was no longer putting out heat. He also was amazed as to how long the heat stayed in the copper and continued to warm the room.

Jones was so taken back by this that he started to experiment. He formed a company to develop a heating source out of this cured copper. But Jones had a number of children and he did not want a heating source that would cause a fire or create other hazardous situations like creating carbon monoxide or radiation. He also did not want his children to get burned.

To make a long story short, through a great deal of research and development, Jones developed a heating source that utilized commercial infrared quartz tubes.

Q. What advantages does infrared quartz tube heating source have over other heating source products?

A. John Jones designed his heating source around the three most important consumer benefits: economy, comfort, and safety. The final development of this infrared quartz heat source cannot be matched by any other heating system in the world.

In the EdenPURE® system, electricity is used to generate infrared light which, in turn, creates a very safe heat. Infrared is the safest form of heat because it does not create carbon monoxide or harmful radiation. And, most importantly, infrared heat does not reach a burning temperature.

After a great deal of research and development, very efficient infrared heat chambers were developed that utilize three unique patented solid copper heat exchangers in one EdenPURE® heater. Over 5 years of research, development and real life field testing stand behind this heat source. It has now worked in residential and commercial applications worldwide for over 25 years.

Q. Why is it that this quartz infrared heating source uses less energy to create heat than other sources?

A. Actually, there is more than one reason. One of the primary reasons is that heat at combustion level, which is what all other heat sources use, causes the heat to instantly rise to the ceiling. Therefore, the heat is not evenly distributed, causing a very inefficient and uncomfortable heat source.

The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater does not use burning heat. Once the heat exchanger absorbs the infrared heat, it exhales the heat into the living area which is carried by the existing humidity in the air. This causes the heat to travel rapidly and evenly throughout a room.

In actual studies, photos using infrared lighting demonstrated that the heat was almost perfectly even from floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall. The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared efficiency is based on the distribution of energized air, not on just fan movement. This heat is coined as "soft heat" due to how comfortable it is.

Q. What are the other disadvantages of combustion heat sources?

A. Heat sources that are above the burning level have many unhealthy side effects. One of these is that it creates dry, irritating indoor air. It also burns a great deal of oxygen in the air. If you remember, when you sit in front of a fireplace or a portable heater or close to a heat source, you will remember yawning. This is because you are not getting enough oxygen.

This dry irritating heat and lack of oxygen dries out sinuses and mucus in the throat, and makes people susceptible to disease. The lack of oxygen causes fatigue.

Also, many combustible heat sources produce carbon monoxide, static cling, and some produce radiation.

Q. So you're saying that children or pets can come up to this unit and touch it and not be harmed?

A. That is absolutely correct. As a matter of fact, pets are actually drawn to this heat because it is a natural source of heat, just like the sun heats the earth. Animals are much more instinctive than humans. This heat not only heats the air, but it also heats the objects in the room. It is a perfectly balanced heat.

Q. How can a person cut their heating bill by up to 50% with the EdenPURE®?

A. First, the EdenPURE® uses less energy to create heat than other sources, but that is just part of why it will cut a person's heating bill. The EdenPURE® will heat a room in minutes. Therefore, you can turn the heat down in your house to as low as 50 degrees, but the room you are occupying, which has the EdenPURE®, will be warm and comfortable. The EdenPURE® is portable. When you move to another room, it will quickly heat that room also. This can drastically cut heating bills, in some instances, by up to 50%.

Q. I also understand that the EdenPURE® produces clean fresh air without furnace filters. How can it do that?

A. A furnace generates a lot of dust due to the combustion. By lowering the furnace temperature, you are using your furnace less and therefore reducing the requirement for the furnace filters. Also, when there's no combustion, there are no harmful fumes.

Q. So, the EdenPURE® is totally safe to use?

A. It absolutely is. The EdenPURE® has zero clearance, which means you can push it up against the wall or furniture without risk of fire. Tests prove the unit does not transmit any energy into the atmosphere that will burn or harm anyone regardless of distance between the person and the EdenPURE®.

The EdenPURE® will pay for itself in weeks. It will put a great deal of extra money in a users pocket. Because of today's spiraling gas, oil, propane, and other energy costs, the EdenPURE® will provide even greater savings as the time goes by.

The EdenPURE® heater is now greatly improved. The EdenPURE® comes in 2 models. Model 500-XL heats a room up to 300 square feet and Model 1000-XL heats a room up to 1,000 square feet.

End of interview.

Readers who wish can obtain the EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater at a $75 discount if they order in the next 10 days. Please see the Special Readers Discount Coupon on this page. For those readers ordering after 10 days from the date of this publication, we reserve the right to either accept or reject order requests at the discounted price.

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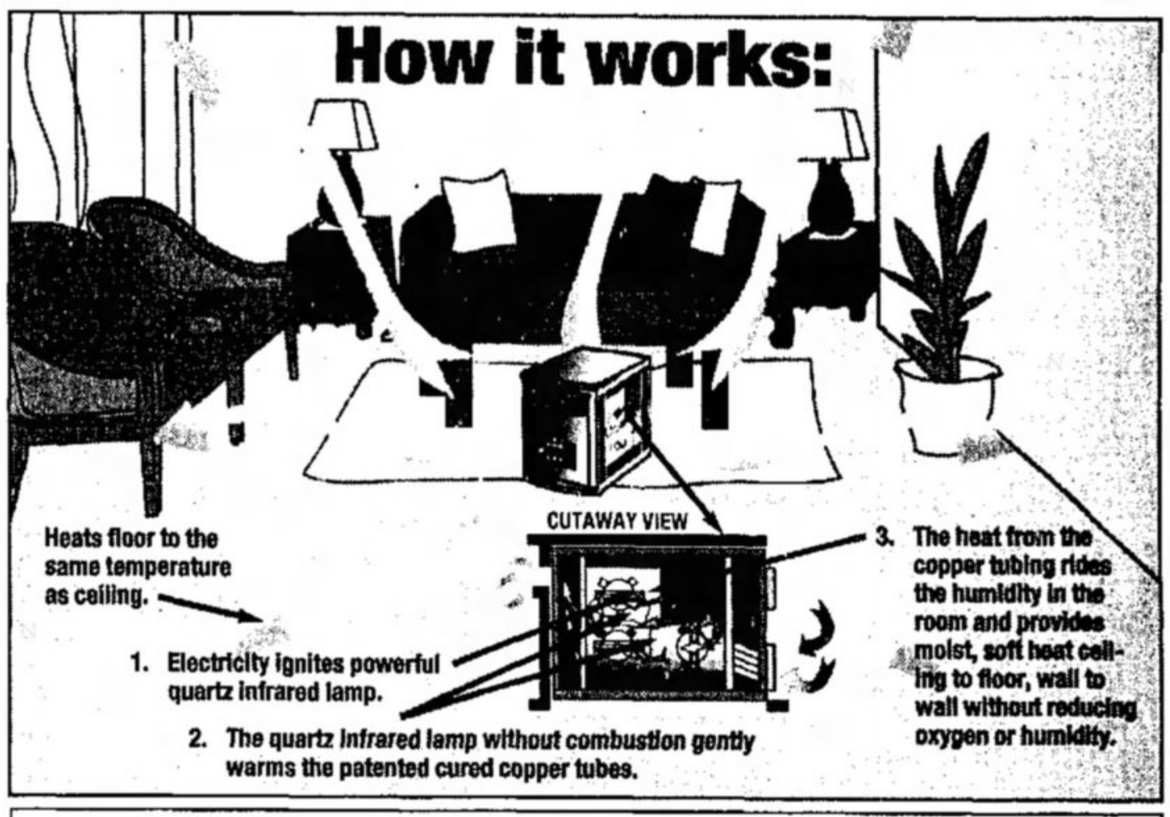
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2) The XL heats better. The XL thermostat has been vastly improved so that it operates within a tighter range of degrees. The previous model used a mechanical thermostat which could produce a 6 degree variance in heat. This could be uncomfortable especially for the more heat sensitive elderly. The XL's electronic thermostat does not only eliminate the problems of a mechanical thermostat, but it is set to a much tighter tolerance. This will promote an extremely more comfortable even stable heat.

3) The 1000-XL features digital controls. It has a simple 3 large button remote control which turns the unit on, and you set the comfort level that you want which reads out on the front of the unit. It also has a remote control so you can adjust the comfort level without getting up.

4) The 500-XL has a single on/off switch and adjustable digital thermostat.

5) The XL is much more reliable. The thermostat and electronics are all solid state and the infrared bulbs are greatly improved to last for a very long time.

SPECIAL READER'S DISCOUNT COUPON

The price of the EdenPURE® Model 500-XL is $372 plus $17 shipping for a total of $389 delivered. The Model 1000-XL is $472 plus $27 shipping and handling for a total of $499 delivered. People reading this publication get a $75 discount with this coupon and pay only $297 delivered for the Model 500-XL and $397 delivered for the Model 1000-XL if you order within 10 days. The EdenPURE® comes in the decorator color of black with burled wood accent which goes with any decor. There is a strict limit of 3 units at the discount price - no exceptions please.

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Airport OKs $2 million budget

Spending plan up 4.7 percent from last year.

By A.J. PANIAN
For The Valley Independent

The Westmoreland County Airport Authority board on Tuesday adopted a $2 million budget for 2008.

The spending plan, passed unanimously by the directors, represents an increase of 4.7 percent over last year's, Executive Director Gene Lakin said.

The individual budgets for two airports operated by the authority are almost $1.7 million for Arnold Palmer Regional in Unity Township and almost $391,000 for Rostraver Airport.

Arnold Palmer Regional's total operating expenses will increase by 4.8 percent from the previous year, while Rostraver's budget shows a 4.4 percent increase.

Projected hikes in expenses are largely the result of spiraling fuel costs, along with a $27,000 increase in contracted compensation to North Carolina-based Point Security Inc. to provide security at both facilities, Lakin said.

A $1.7 million budget was approved Tuesday for Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Unity Township.

"Every year we're making the airports bigger and better, and with that inevitably comes increases in costs," Lakin said. "We'll be attempting to increase revenues to cover all increased expenses."

According to the latest budget, Arnold Palmer Regional's projected revenue includes $601,508 from airfield fees and hangar/building rentals, a projected increase of roughly $95,000 from that earned last year.

Arnold Palmer Regional has newly built hangars available for rent with the potential to generate about $50,000 more in income, Lakin said.

Rostraver's projected revenues include $374,128 in hangar and building rental fees, up from $304,353 earned last year.

"We think fuel sales and the gas-well production will make a big difference in earned revenue there," Lakin said.

The county has appropriated a total of $869,391 for use by both airports this year, with Arnold Palmer Regional receiving $848,821 of that amount and Rostraver, $20,570.

A 2007 review of authority business was highlighted by the successful efforts of authority manager Gabe Monzo to work with Minneapolis-based Mesaba Airlines to improve passenger numbers to and from Arnold Palmer Regional on Northwest Airlink commuter flights to Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Such efforts recently prompted Michael Boyd, president of The Boyd Group, a Denver-based aviation consulting and forecasting firm, to refer to Arnold Palmer Regional as "the poster-child for small community air service success," said authority spokesman Dwayne Pickels.

Findings of job loss report are disputed

By JOE NAPSHA
For The Valley Independent

Trade groups representing U.S. manufacturers and foreign concerns disagreed over a report claiming that the United States lost 1.8 million factory jobs over the past seven years, caused in large part by a Chinese steel industry bolstered by $27.1 billion in energy subsidies.

"Chinese (energy) subsidies exist, they are enormous and they are shaping the global steel market. Our analysis shows energy subsidies have a very strong correlation with Chinese steel exports," according to the Alliance for American Manufacturing, a Washington-based association of leading manufacturers and the Pittsburgh-based United Steelworkers union.

The "enormous increase" in China's steel production that accounts for 40 percent of the market has made China the largest steel exporter in 2006, and has cost about 1.8 million U.S. manufacturing jobs, said Usha Haley, author of the report on China's energy subsidies to its steel industry, released Tuesday.

With those subsidies in place, the average cost of China's steel products are about 20 percent less than steel produced in the United States or Europe, said Haley, a business professor at the University of New Haven in Connecticut.

From 2002 through mid-2007, the Chinese steel industry benefitted from $25 billion in subsidies for thermal and coking coal used in steel production, as well electricity and natural gas, Haley said. China's energy subsidies to steel grew by 1,365 percent, from 2000 to 2006, the report said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Yablonsky at Washington County Chamber event

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce will host a breakfast briefing featuring Dennis Yablonsky, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development 7:45 to 9:00 a.m. Jan. 18 in the Holiday Inn Meadowlands.

The breakfast will be sponsored by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington.

For more information or to register, contact Nikki Guthrie at the Washington County Chamber of Commerce at (724) 225-3010 or nikki@washcochamber.com.

The cost for the breakfast is $15 per person for members of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce and $25 per person for non-members. Reservations will be accepted through Jan. 16.

McKita wins sales award

Gregg McKita of Speers, recently received the 2007 Best Sales Personnel Award from Davison Design and Development.

McKita works at Davison, a Pittsburgh-based product design firm.

Now in his sixth year of employment with Davison, McKita is as a lead senior director of new products.

The Davison Awards recognize individuals who exemplify the inventive spirit through their attitude, effort and performance.

McKita was nominated for the award along with 15 other sales professionals. He holds a bachelor's degree from California University of Pennsylvania and has over 20 years of sales experience.

Davison is a new product development company that helps inventors, corporations and entrepreneurs. Its services include research, industrial design, virtual reality, video, animation, product samples, packaging, presentation and royalty management.

Candidates sought for women in business award

The Department of Community and Economic Development is accepting nominations for the 13th annual Best 50 Women in Business awards.

Any senior executive, management-level woman with significant authority in a for-profit company — including board chairs, partners, chief financial officers, presidents, or owners — who work in or are residents of Pennsylvania is eligible.

A panel of judges will select the "Best 50" based on professional accomplishments, community involvement and advocacy for women in business.

Candidates may not represent a non-profit organization, and the contest is not open to elected officials, judicial branch or political appointees, previous "Best 50" winners, a member of the judge's panel or a member of a judges' immediate family.

All nominations must be received by 5 p.m, Feb. 7, and be mailed to DCED's Center for Entrepreneurial Assistance, 4th Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120. No faxed or e-mailed entries will be accepted.

This year's honorees will be recognized during an awards reception May 19 at the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg.

For full nomination guidelines, log onto www.newpa.com or www.pa.gov and look for the "Best 50 Women in Business" link, or contact DCED's Center for Entrepreneurial Assistance at 1-800-280-3801.

TRIB TOTAL MEDIA'S Family, Inc.

by Jennifer Antkowiak

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

Q: I made a promise to myself to lose some weight this year. I got a gym membership for Christmas and I'm feeling good about being able to get more exercise, but I get nervous when it comes to the food part. I don't have a lot of time during the day to plan and cook meals. I could use some ideas for some good things to have on hand that I can make quickly. Can you help with that?

A: I love that you've made such a good promise to yourself, and I'm going to give you a clip and save column---an actual shopping list---that I hope will help. It sounds like you're doing all the right things to be able to keep that promise to yourself. The gym membership is wonderful. Doing even just a little bit of activity regularly will help you to feel better and stronger fast. As you say, getting the right nutrition is an important part of the weight loss equation, too. And if you take a little bit of time to plan and stock a healthy kitchen, you'll feel comfortable knowing you'll always be able to grab something good for you...even if it's on the go.

We are working with Weight Watchers all this month, to give you a healthy start to 2008, and part of their new KickStart Your Success program includes a shopping list to make things easy at the grocery store. Here it is:

For Your Freezer:
- Vegetables (green beans, broccoli, blends)
- Chopped onion
- Sliced bell peppers
- Whole wheat waffles
- Berries
- Fish fillets
- Ground lean beef, turkey, or chicken
- Sorbet or low-fat ice cream
- Veggie burgers

For Your Refrigerator:
- Fat-free or low-fat milk
- Fat-free or low-fat yogurt
- Fat-free or low-fat cheese
- Fat-free or light mayonnaise
- Low-fat or fat-free spreads (such as cream cheese)
- Eggs or egg substitute
- Minced garlic
- Low-fat luncheon or deli meats
- Lettuce
- Vegetables (baby carrots, grape tomatoes, celery sticks, etc. for snacking)
- Seltzer or calorie-free flavored waters

For Your Pantry:
- Whole grain breakfast cereals
- Light whole grain breads
- Whole grain foods (pasta, couscous, brown rice, quinoa, bulgur; or regular pasta and rice)
- Canned tuna
- Canned salmon
- Canned beans (cannellini, garbanzo, or black)
- Canned refried beans
- Canned fruit in its own juice
- Salsa
- Canned or jarred tomato sauce
- Reduced-fat pasta sauce
- Broth
- Flavored vinegars
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Healthy oils (canola or olive)
- Dried herbs
- Spices
- Sugar substitute
- 94% fat-free microwave popcorn or air-popped varieties
- Cooking spray

Now, what to make with your new food? This shopping list gives you tons of possibilities. Here's just one good recipe available through Weight Watchers:

Spaghetti with Tomato-Meat Sauce

Ingredients:
2 tsp olive oil
1 large onion, chopped
1 medium carrot, finely chopped
3 medium garlic clove(s), minced
1 pound uncooked lean ground beef (with 7% fat)
28 oz canned crushed tomatoes, in tomato puree
1/4 tsp table salt
1/4 tsp red pepper flakes, crushed
1/4 tsp dried basil
3 cup cooked whole-wheat spaghetti, kept hot

Instructions:
1. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion, carrot and garlic. Cook, stirring frequently, until onion is translucent, about 6 minutes.
2. Add ground beef to skillet. Cook, breaking up clumps with a wooden spoon, until browned, about 4 minutes.
3. Stir in tomatoes and puree, salt, red pepper flakes and basil; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes for flavors to blend and for sauce to thicken slightly; spoon sauce over spaghetti. Yields about 1/2 cup of spaghetti and 2/3 cup of sauce per serving.

You can refrigerate any extra sauce for up to 3 days or freeze for up to 2 months. This recipe serves six and each serving has a WW Points value of 5. Some good comfort food that won't hurt your weight loss efforts!

Enjoy, and all the best for a happy, healthy 2008!

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Hall of Fame tabs Gossage

Goose Gossage will become only the fifth relief pitcher in baseball's Hall of Fame. **2B**

Christmas Cheer Club

Children helped to brighten the holiday for others with their gift of toys. **6B**

Grass may stay

The Steelers' fight to keep their grass field was bolstered by the surface's strong showing in Saturday's playoff game. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Which former Pittsburgh Steeler has the longest run in Hula Bowl history at 72 yards? **2B**

Last night's scores

Carolina 1, Boston 0
Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 1
New Jersey 2, Buffalo 1, SO
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Rangers 3
Montreal 4, Chicago 3, OT
Detroit 1, Colorado 0

Salvino unhappy with win over Brownsville

Coach cites letdown after last week's big victory over Washington.

By JEFF OLIVER
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HILLER — Moments after he watched his team roll over host Brownsville, 67-49, Monessen coach Joe Salvino sounded more like the losing coach than the winning one.

"I wasn't very happy with the way we played tonight," Salvino said. "I warned the team coming in that after a big win over Washington we're not going to come to Brownsville and they will just roll over for us. They didn't listen. So, I guess practice (today) will be a

of first place with the win.

The Greyhounds sputtered in the first quarter, falling behind 9-4 before settling for a 15-15 tie.

However, Monessen took control of the contest in the second quarter.

Kevin Parker (six points) and Delmar Pritchett (five) combined to score 11 points as Monessen outscored the Falcons 20-9 for a 35-24 halftime lead.

Brownsville (8-7, 4-3) did not get closer than 10 points the rest of the way.

Monessen kept building on its advantage in the second half and the lead ballooned to 20 points (59-39) when Tyree converted a three-point-play with 3:45 left in the game. Monessen's biggest lead was 24 points.

For the Greyhounds, Tim Tyree scored a game-high 20 points while Terrance Stepoli had 15 and Matt

goal.

Still, Salvino was not impressed.

"We hustled, but it was a lazy hustle," he claimed. "The intensity we had for Washington we have to have every game. We're trying to get better. Tonight was a step back for us.

"We want to be able to play with the Jeannettes, Aliquippas and Beaver Falls. Well, at least the coaches do. I don't know what the players are thinking."

When pressed for anything positive he saw from winning on the road by 18 points, Salvino paused and smiled.

"Well, we picked up a win, which is always the goal," he said. Then he added, "But I want more for this team. I want this team to want to be the best. And if we are ever going to be the best we have to play our best every game. We need the same

SPORTS

Gossage elected to Hall of Fame

Gossage

NEW YORK (AP) — Goose Gossage became only the fifth relief pitcher elected to the Hall of Fame, earning baseball's highest honor in his ninth try on the ballot.

Known for his overpowering fastball, fiery temperament and bushy mustache, the Goose received 466 of 543 votes (85.8 percent) from 10-year members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Jim Rice was passed over yet again in his next-to-last year on the ballot, getting 392 votes (72.2 percent), up from 346 (63.5 percent) last year but 16 short of the 75 percent needed.

Mark McGwire, a casualty of the Steroids Era in some writers' minds, received just 128 votes — the exact total he had last year. His percentage increased slightly to 23.6 percent, up from 23.5 percent last year when he was on the ballot for the first time.

Steelers fight for field

Surface held up surprisingly well during playoff game.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Steelers' players are arguing against artificial turf, and the NFL is pleased at how Heinz Field's beaten-up grass held up for a playoff game last weekend.

That anticipated switch to artificial turf by the Steelers might not be the done deal it appeared to be six weeks ago.

After nearly 1 1/2 inches of rain in several hours and a newly sodded field combined to make Heinz Field's surface almost unplayable for Pittsburgh's 3-0 victory over Miami on Nov. 26, the club was expected to install artificial turf once the season ended.

Criticized for playing six high school, college and NFL games in a four-day span on grass turf in bad weather, the Steelers found themselves being ridiculed inside and out of the league. Jaguars running back Fred Taylor called the bad grass "a lawsuit waiting to happen."

Now, the pro-grass faction might be winning out.

Despite light rain during the game, the field was in the best shape it's been in for weeks during Jacksonville's 31-29 AFC wild card victory on Saturday. Punts didn't plug in ankle-deep mud the way they did in the Miami game, and wide receivers didn't slide or lose traction on pass routes.

"We're going to have a big discussion about what to do and things like this ... but we haven't even discussed it yet," Steelers owner Dan Rooney told The Associated Press. "I think the grass held up really good."

Concerned about the mushy turf, the NFL kept an operations executive in Pittsburgh after the Miami game, then did so again last week. Rooney said the league was pleased Saturday with the conditions for a game attended by commissioner Roger Goodell.

"They had their guy here looking at it, to see how it was, and he said it was great for this game," Rooney said. "But they don't tell you, 'You've got to do this, you've got to do that.' At least they haven't told us that."

Numerous players, including Pro Bowl safety Troy Polamalu, are pleading to keep the grass because they are convinced it reduces knee and ankle injuries.

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Charleroi loses by 62

Coming off its first Class AA Section 5 loss in over two years, Washington High's basketball team wasn't in a good mood for Tuesday's home contest with Charleroi.

The Prexies rebounded with an 81-19 romp over the Cougars.

Washington (12-4, 6-1) led 26-3 after one quarter and 48-9 at halftime. Nick Bryant outscored Charleroi (6-9, 2-5) with 22 points.

California stayed unbeaten in Class A Section 2 with a 60-44 victory over Jefferson-Morgan.

Travis VanOlst (18) and Donte Valentino (16) combined for 34 points for the Trojans (9-4, 4-0), who outscored the Rockets, 33-18, in the second half after leading 27-26 at intermission.

Yough lost its fourth straight in a 75-54 defeat at Steel Valley in Class AAA Section 5. Ben Hoffer topped the slumping Cougars (6-8, 2-2) with 18 points.

Bentworth rolled over Frazier, 73-58, in Class A Section 3.

The Kennedy brothers, Jon (15) and Joe (14), topped the Bearcats (10-3, 5-1) with Brandon Bular contributing 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Matt Keebler led all scorers with 16 points for Frazier (1-11, 0-5), which hosts Serra tonight.

SPORTS DIGEST

Coughlin new Cal U golf coach

Coughlin

California University has turned to Washington and Jefferson College for its new men's golf coach.

Peter Coughlin, who guided both the W&J men's and women's teams for four a half seasons, will succeed Justin Barroner.

A 1999 University of Maryland graduate, Coughlin was the 2006 Eaton Golf Pride Division III Mid-Atlantic Coach of the Year after leading the Presidents to their first ever trip to the NCAA Division III national championship. He coached four women and three men to individual PAC titles and was named the PAC Coach of the Year the past two seasons.

BV Area swimmers split with Mustangs

Belle Vernon Area high's swimmers split with Laurel Highlands.

The Leps were a 97-71 winner with the Lady Leps dropping a 99-79 decision.

Winning for the Leps were Brendan Lacey (50 and 100 freestyle), Andre Maldonado (200 IM and 100 backstroke), Zachary Wardle (50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke), Aaron Mikula (100 fly), the 200 medley relay team of Mario Leone, Jay Lewis, Mikula nd Cory Wyke and the 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams of Maldonado, Lewis, Lacey and Wardle.

The Lady Leps' first placers were Mary Wardle (50 and 100 freestyle), Sydney Rusak (500 freestyle), Courtnee Basista (100 backstroke) and the 200 medley relay team of Basista, Megan Russell, Rusak and Wardle and the 400 freestyle relay team of Ashley Bronakowski, Basista, Wardle and Rusak.

Ringgold swimmers split with Baldwin

Ringgold High's swimmers looked back on a split with Baldwin.

The Rams posted an 81-60 win with their winners including Jonathan Weeks (100 fly and 100 backstroke), Scott Balzer (200 freestyle), John Bandalo (50 freestyle), Dave Criss (500 freestyle), the 200 medley relay team of Jeremy Buono, Criss, Weeks and Bandalo, the 200 freestyle relay team of Patrick Jones, Mike Sendek, Mike Bedner and Balzer and the 400 freestyle relay team of Balzer, Bandalo, Criss and Weeks.

Taking firsts for the Lady Rams in an 88-74 defeat were Sarah Weeks (200 IM and 100 fly), Jehna Lander (100 backstroke), Sarah McMahon (100 breaststroke) and the 400 freestyle relay team of Lander, Loren Cortopassi, Anna Macugosk and Weeks.

Monessen cagers down Carmichaels

Monessen Junior High's basketball team upped its record to 9-1 with a 53-35 win over Carmichaels. Cam Johnson (22) and Alonzo Payne (13) combinedfor 35 points. The Little Greyhounds resume Friday at Charleroi.

Trivia answer

Kordell Stewart

BVA (FROM PAGE ONE)

originally thought. Scoring 30 points doesn't surprise me; at times we don't know who our high scorer is going to be. It's a great luxury to have."

Pohlot scored 10 of his points in the first three minutes of the game as the Leps jumped to a 16-14 first quarter lead.

The Leopards took advantage of a lackadaisical Warrior defense in the second quarter, as Dudzinski scored 10 of his points mostly down low next to the basket. The Leps went on to outscore the Warriors 32-20 through the middle quarters.

"I was disappointed with our effort defensively," Warrior coach Mike Mihalov said. "We've scouted them three times; we knew what their sets are. They did what they needed to do to win the game. We struggled with our half-court man to man and that's why they beat us."

The Warriors were led by Jordan Austin's 13 points, while seniors Casey Gibbons and Jared Cunning each added 11.

Dudzinski and Pohlot combined to score 16 of BVA's 19 fourth quarter points to squash the attempted Warrior comeback.

With the win, BVA sits tied atop Class AAA Section 5 with Steel Valley halfway through section play, and Dudzinski knows there will be a lot of work ahead.

"I can't lose sight of the fact that we're playing two seniors and the rest are freshmen and sophomores," Dudzinski said. "Maybe my expectations are a little high, but we definitely will address some issues before we get to Yough."

NOTES: Naylor finished with a team-high 11 rebounds ... Gibbons left the game in the second half with what appeared to be a serious ankle injury ... The Leps resume Friday at Yough, while Elizabeth Forward hosts Thomas Jefferson.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

On the last year of his contract as a golf pro at Connestee Falls Country Club in Brevard, N.C., Donora's Ron Garcia came up with a sponsor on the professional golf tour.

20 Years Ago

Jimbo Malinchak scored 26 points in Monessen's 81-72 loss to Brashear.

Yancey Taylor scored 19 points in Ringgold's 50-48 win over Tri-Valley.

Steve Kovatch had 24 points in Belle Vernon Area's 58-45 loss to McKeesport.

Paul Williams poured in 33 points in Charleroi's 81-60 romp over California.

Rick DeLattre had 21 points in Mon Valley Catholic's 66-52 defeat to Duquesne.

10 Years Ago

Megan Backstrom scored 27 points in Belle Vernon Area's 81-43 romp over Mt. Pleasant.

Monessen's Cara Gagatko broke her own record with 11 three-pointers in an 101-17 rout over Jefferson-Morgan. Gagatko finished with a career-high 42 points.

Questa Giles had 12 points in Ringgold's 49-42 loss to McKeesport.

Charleroi beat California, 50-39, behind Becky Hill's 16 points.

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	24	15	3	51	103	98
Pittsburgh	24	16	2	50	123	115
Philadelphia	21	15	4	46	122	111
N.Y. Islanders	20	17	5	45	100	117
N.Y. Rangers	20	18	5	45	105	109

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	27	10	4	58	148	116
Montreal	21	13	8	50	130	120
Boston	21	17	4	46	108	109
Buffalo	19	18	4	42	121	119
Toronto	16	18	8	40	120	136

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	22	19	4	48	135	141
Atlanta	21	22	1	43	125	146
Florida	19	21	3	41	105	118
Washington	17	20	5	39	117	131
Tampa Bay	16	22	5	37	126	147

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	33	8	3	69	152	90
St. Louis	21	14	5	47	103	100
Nashville	21	19	2	44	121	122
Columbus	19	18	6	44	106	108
Chicago	19	19	4	42	121	126

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	24	14	4	52	111	95
Calgary	22	15	7	51	130	129
Minnesota	23	17	2	48	111	117
Colorado	22	17	3	47	119	119
Edmonton	19	21	4	42	115	131

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	24	16	4	52	129	114
San Jose	23	12	6	52	105	94
Anaheim	22	17	6	50	112	119
Phoenix	22	18	1	45	109	108
Los Angeles	15	27	2	32	123	150

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Tuesday's Games

Carolina 1, Boston 0
Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 1
New Jersey 2, Buffalo 1, SO
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Rangers 3
Montreal 4, Chicago 3, OT
Detroit 1, Colorado 0
Pittsburgh 3, Florida 1
St. Louis 6, Columbus 1
Phoenix 3, Calgary 1
Vancouver 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, SO
Nashville 7, Los Angeles 0

Today's Games

Colorado at Washington, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Penguins summary

Pittsburgh	0	3	0	— 0
Florida	0	0	1	— 1

First Period—None. Penalties—Salei, Fla (tripping), 1:17; Jokinen, Fla (hooking), 4:08.

Second Period—1, Pittsburgh, Sykora 13 (Crosby, Malkin), 10:05 (pp). 2, Pittsburgh, Crosby 18 (Malone, Gonchar), 11:21. 3, Pittsburgh, Laraque 3 (Taffe, Hall), 13:11. Penalty—Salei, Fla (hooking), 9:05.

Third Period—4, Florida, Campbell 3 (Dvorak, Salei), 15:50 (sh). Penalties—Conklin, served by Sykora (delay of game), 1:03; Salei, Fla (hooking), 13:34; Allen, Fla (cross-checking), 14:02; Montador, Fla (tripping), 17:22.

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 10-15-10—35. Florida 7-4-17—28.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 of 6; Florida 0 of 1.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, Conklin 8-0-0 (28 shots-27 saves). Florida, Vokoun 18-17-2 (23-20), Anderson (13:12 second, 12-12).

A—17,086 (19,250). T—2:18.

Referees—Mick McGeough, Justin St. Pierre. Linesmen—Thor Nelson, David Brisebois.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	21	1	0	42
Wooster	10	10	2	22
Jamestown	10	12	0	20
Valley Forge	7	13	1	15
Mon Valley	6	12	3	15

Thursday

Wooster at Jamestown

Saturday

Mon Valley at Valley Forge (8 p.m.)
Jamestown at Wooster

Sunday

Mon Valley at Indiana (4 p.m.)
Valley Forge at Wooster

College basketball

MEN

EAST

Connecticut 81, St. John's 65
Fairfield 53, Siena 52
Harvard 77, Colgate 57

SOUTH

Florida 90, Alabama 83
High Point 124, Florida Christian 43
Liberty 84, Kentucky Christian 45
Maryland 73, Holy Cross 48
Presbyterian 52, Army 35
UCF 52, Southern Miss. 41
VMI 123, S. Virginia 85
Wake Forest 79, BYU 62
Yale 78, Longwood 73

MIDWEST

Georgetown 76, DePaul 60
Illinois St. 51, N. Iowa 46
Indiana 78, Michigan 64
Kansas 90, Loyola, Md. 60
Marquette 61, Seton Hall 56
Michigan St. 78, Purdue 75
Missouri 96, UMKC 76
Missouri St. 71, Wichita St. 47
S. Illinois 77, Bradley 64

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 72, Brown 62
Lamar 74, Utah Valley St. 69
Texas-Pan American 71, Texas-San Antonio 63

FAR WEST

Okla. Panhandle St. 97, Colorado St. 91, OT
Pepperdine 118, Hope International 76
Saint Mary's, Calif. 77, Fresno St. 68

WOMEN

EAST

Lafayette 66, Fairleigh Dickinson 59
Md.-E. Shore 60, American U. 56
Seton Hall 51, Villanova 49
St. John's 63, South Florida 51

SOUTH

Furman 71, Charleston South. 56
Liberty 64, ETSU 60
Notre Dame 82, Louisville 74
Radford 67, Presbyterian 54
UNC Asheville 62, S.C.-Upstate 52

MIDWEST

Cincinnati 69, Georgetown 49
Rutgers 65, Marquette 61

Orane Chin and South Florida will host Pitt at 7:30 p.m. on Fox Sports.

Sports dial

Today

Television

7 p.m. - ESPN - Duke at Temple, college basketball.

7:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Pitt at South Florida, college basketball.

9 p.m. - ESPN - Detroit at Dallas, pro basketball.

Radio

7 p.m. - KQV (1410) - Fordham at Duquesne, college basketball.

7:30 p.m. - WWSW (94.5 FM) - Pitt at South Florida, college basketball.

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with INF Miguel Cairo on a one-year contract.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with INF Marcus Giles on a minor league contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with RHP Masumi Kuwata on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Signed G CJ Watson to a 10-day contract.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Signed G Guillermo Diaz to a 10-day contract.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Waived G-F DerMarr Johnson and G Keith Langford.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Announced the retirement of Jim McNally, offensive line coach.

CHICAGO BEARS—Announced the resignation of Hardy Nickerson, offensive coordinator.

DENVER BRONCOS—Announced the resignation of Jim Bates, defensive coordinator.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed OT Cliff Washburn to the practice squad.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed WR Jamal Jones, DE Xzavie Jackson and DE A.J. Schable to multiyear contracts.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Named Mike Martz offensive coordinator.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named David Lee quarterbacks coach.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Announced the resignation of Joe Gibbs, coach and team president, and announced he will remain as a special adviser to owner Dan Snyder.

GOLF

USGA—Named Roberta Bolduc chairwoman and Barbara Douglas vice chairwoman of the women's committee.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BUFFALO SABRES—Called up F Patrick Kaleta from Rochester (AHL).

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Claimed RW Sergei Samsonov off waivers from Chicago. Assigned F Brandon Nolan to Albany (AHL).

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Activated F David Vyborny from injured reserve. Placed F Curtis Glencross on injured reserve.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Placed F Sean Avery on injured reserve. Recalled F P.A. Parenteau from Hartford (AHL).

COLLEGE

HAWAII—Fired Herman Frazier, athletic director.

MICHIGAN—Named Calvin Magee associate head coach/offensive coordinator; Tony Dews wide receivers coach; Greg Frey offensive line coach; Tony Gibson secondary coach; Jay Hopson defensive assistant coach; Rod Smith quarterbacks coach; Bruce Tall defensive assistant coach; Alex Herron offensive graduate assistant coach; Jahmile Addae defensive graduate assistant coach; and Eric Smith offensive quality control coach. Named Matt Husted men's assistant baseball coach.

MISSISSIPPI—Named Mike Markuson offensive line coach and Tracy Rocker defensive line coach.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Announced the resignation of Kristi Coggins, women's golf coach.

UC SANTA BARBARA—Announced the retirement of Gary Cunningham, athletic director, effective next summer.

Wrestling card

Today

Class AAA

Section 4

Central Catholic at Ringgold
Thomas Jefferson at Upper St. Clair
West Mifflin at Waynesburg
Baldwin at Peters Township
McGuffey at Bethel Park

Class AA

Section 2

Charleroi at Derry
Yough at Bentworth
South Allegheny at Mt. Pleasant
Keystone Oaks at Jeff-Morgan
Southmoreland at Jeannette

NFL playoffs

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 12

Seattle at Green Bay, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)
Jacksonville at New England, 8 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Jan. 13

San Diego at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. (CBS)
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)

High school boys' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	4	0	14	1
Keystone Oaks	4	0	9	7
Ringgold	2	2	5	12
South Park	1	3	4	10
Trinity	1	3	2	10
McGuffey	0	4	3	10

Tuesday

Keystone Oaks 71, Ringgold 43
Chartiers Valley 93, McGuffey 42
Trinity 54, South Park 42

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Steel Valley	3	1	11	2
Belle Vernon Area	3	1	10	4
West Mifflin	2	2	6	7
Yough	2	2	6	8
Thomas Jefferson	2	2	3	8
Elizabeth Forward	0	4	2	12

Tuesday

Belle Vernon Area 67 Elizabeth Forward 55
Steel Valley 75, Yough 54
Thomas Jefferson 53, West Mifflin 37

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	7	0	12	4
Washington	6	1	12	4
Burgettstown	5	2	11	3
Brownsville	4	3	8	7
C-Houston	3	4	9	7
Charleroi	2	5	6	9
Waynesburg	1	6	3	10
Beth-Center	0	7	3	11

Tuesday

Monessen 67, Brownsville 49
Washington 81, Charleroi 19
Waynesburg 56, Beth-Center 41
Burgettstown 62, C-Houston 39

Today

Carmichaels at Beth-Center

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
California	4	0	9	4
Carmichaels	3	1	8	3
Geibel	2	1	3	8
Mapletown	1	2	7	5
Jeff-Morgan	1	3	4	11
West Greene	0	4	1	10

Tuesday

California 60, Jeff-Morgan 44
Carmichaels 71, Geibel 54
Mapletown 59, West Greene 31

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Serra	5	0	11	1
Bentworth	5	1	10	3
Cornell	3	3	8	6
Clairton	3	3	5	7
Sacred Heart	3	3	4	11
Avella	1	5	4	9
Frazier	0	5	1	11

Tuesday

Bentworth 73, Frazier 58
Serra 66, Clairton 53
Cornell 57, Sacred Heart 45

Today

Serra at Frazier

High school girls' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Ringgold	4	0	11	2
Chartiers Valley	3	1	8	6
West Allegheny	3	1	8	7
McGuffey	1	3	6	7
Keystone Oaks	1	3	4	8
Waynesburg	0	4	3	10

Tuesday

Chartiers Valley 65, McGuffey 25

Thursday

Ringgold at West Allegheny
Chartiers Valley at Keystone Oaks
Waynesburg at McGuffey

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
West Mifflin	4	0	12	3
Elizabeth Forward	3	1	11	3
Thomas Jefferson	3	1	6	9
Steel Valley	2	2	8	5
Yough	0	4	6	9
Belle Vernon Area	0	4	3	10

Tuesday

McKeesport 53, Steel Valley 32

Thursday

Belle Vernon Area at Yough
Steel Valley at West Mifflin
Thomas Jefferson at Elizabeth Forward

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Washington	6	0	13	0
Brownsville	4	2	11	3
Beth-Center	4	2	9	4
Charleroi	3	3	6	8
Bentworth	2	4	7	8
C-Houston	1	5	5	10
Burgettstown	1	5	3	13

Tuesday

Burgettstown 38, C-Houston 22
Fort Cherry 59, Bentworth 35

Today

Brownsville at Clairton

Thursday

Charlroi at Beth-Center
Washington at Burgettstown

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
Geibel	4	0	8	5
Carmichaels	3	1	5	8
Mapletown	2	2	9	4
California	2	2	5	8
West Greene	1	3	1	12
Jeff-Morgan	0	4	1	12

Today

Carmichaels at Beth-Center

Thursday

Geibel at California
Jeff-Morgan at Mapletown
West Greene at Carmichaels

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	5	0	14	0
Clairton	3	1	5	4
Serra	2	1	6	3
Avella	1	2	5	6
Trinity Christian	1	4	4	9
Frazier	0	4	0	14

Today

Frazier at Geibel

Thursday

Serra at Monessen
Trinity Christian at Clairton

High school basketball scores

BOYS

Aliquippa 60, Center 57
Ambridge 54, Beaver Area 41
Beaver Falls 83, New Brighton 41
Belle Vernon Area 67, Elizabeth Forward 55
Bethel Park 55, Baldwin 52
Canevin 58, Carlynton 36
Blackhawk 67, Ellwood City 26
Brentwood 53, Seton-LaSalle 51
Burgettstown 62, Chartiers-Houston 39
California 60, Jefferson-Morgan 44
Canon-McMillan 42, Peters Township 20
Carmichaels 71, Geibel 54
Carrick 56, Peabody 47
Central Catholic 67, Fox Chapel 60
Chartiers Valley 93, McGuffey 42
Connellsville 66, Albert Gallatin 57
Cornell 57, Our Lady of Sacred Heart 45
Franklin Regional 76, Kiski Area 58
Greensburg Salem 53, Mt. Pleasant 51
Highlands 66, Valley 62
Indiana 63, Kittanning 32
Jeannette 80, Greensburg Central 54
Keystone Oaks 71, Ringgold 43
Latrobe 91, Hempfield 69
Leechburg 63, Trinity Christian 52
Mapletown 59, West Greene 31
Mars 65, Knoch 60
Monessen 67, Brownsville 49
Montour 52, West Allegheny 47
Moon 58, Hopewell 51
Mt. Lebanon 53, Upper St. Clair 48
Neshannock 70, Summit Academy 68
New Castle 62, Butler 54
North Allegheny 52, North Hills 41
North Catholic 59, Northgate 42
Norwin 43, Penn-Trafford 33
Oliver 56, Langley 55
Penn Hills 56, Woodland Hills 50
Perry 64, Brashear 56
Plum 55, Gateway 51
Quaker Valley 72, Freedom 40
Riverside 59, Mohawk 50
Rochester 51, South Side Beaver 50
Schenley 84, Allderdice 60
Seneca 72, Youngsville 42
Serra Catholic 66, Clairton 53
Sewickley Academy 58, Vincentian Academy 51
Shaler 64, Pine-Richland 47
Shenango 50, Laurel 45
South Fayette 77, Fort Cherry 36
Steel Valley 75, Yough 54
Sto-Rox 63, Avonworth 38
Thomas Jefferson 53, West Mifflin 37
Trinity 54, South Park 42
Uniontown 90, Southmoreland 42
Washington 81, Charleroi 19
Waynesburg 56, Beth-Center 41
West Shamokin 49, Apollo-Ridge 44
Western Beaver 66, Lincoln Park 57
Wilkinsburg 65, St. Joseph 59

GIRLS

Burgettstown 38, Chartiers-Houston 22
Butler 47, New Castle 42
Center 54, Freedom 53
Chartiers Valley 65, McGuffey 25
Fort Cherry 59, Bentworth 35
McKeesport 53, Steel Valley 32
Oliver 31, Langley 21
Perry 68, Brashear 29
Schenley 65, Allderdice 42
Slippery Rock 56, Beaver 54
Wilkinsburg 49, Ellis School 47

High school basketball lineups

BOYS

Monessen - 67

Stepoli, 7-0-15; Tyree, 8-3-20; Wall, 3-5-11; Brandemarte, 0-0-0; Parker, 3-0-6; Pritchett, 3-0-8; Jam. Minnie, 1-0-2; Kunsa, 0-0-0; Jon. Minnie, 1-3-5; Miller, 0-0-0; Sepesky, 0-0-0. Totals: FG-26, F-11(12), T-67.

Brownsville - 49

Novak, 1-1-3; Allarman, 4-0-11; Chafin, 1-1-4; Roberts, 1-6-8; Brooks, 4-6-14; Brown, 1-1-3; Pritts, 0-0-0; Zentkovich, 2-0-4; Carp, 1-0-2. Totals: FG-15, F-15(23), T-49.

Score by quarters:

Monessen	15	20	13	19	- 67
Brownsville	15	9	12	13	- 49

Three-pointers: Monessen - Pritchett 2, Stepoli, Tyree; Brownsville - Allarman 3, Chafin.

Keystone Oaks - 71

Hans, 5-0-11; Janota, 4-0-10; Bellovich, 9-6-22; Taylor, 7-1-19; Feden, 2-0-4; Francheschi, 1-0-3; Males, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 28 , T - 7 (10) T - 71.

Ringgold - 43

Brownlee, 4-0-11; Bassi, 4-3-12; Mountain, 4-0-9; Bekavec, 0-0-0; Smith, 2-0-4; Yost, 1-0-2; Felix, 2-1-5. Totals: FG - 17, F - 4 (8) , T - 43.

Score by quarters:

Keystone Oaks	21	21	16	13	- 71
Ringgold	10	11	12	10	- 43

Three-pointers: Ringgold - Bassi, Brownlee. Keystone Oaks - Taylor 3, Janota 2, Hans, Francheschi.

Belle Vernon Area - 67

B. Lustig, 3-0-7; Pohlot, 14-2-30; Cory Williams, 1-0-3; Naylor, 1-3-5; Dudzinski, 7-7-22; Cieply, 0-0-0; Rodriguez, 0-0-0. Totals; FG - 26, F - 12 919), T - 67.

Elizabeth Forward - 55

Cunning, 5-0-11; Giansante, 2-2-7; Gibbons, 4-0-11; Austin, 5-2-13; Styche, 2-3-9; Means, 2-0-4; Scurfield, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 20, F - 7 (10), T - 55.

Score by quarters:

Elizabeth	14	10	10	21	- 55
BV Area	16	19	13	19	- 67

Three-pointers: BVA - Lustig, Williams, Dudzinski. Elizabeth - Gibbons 3, Cunning, Giansante.

Washington - 81

Floyd, 7-0-15; Kelly, 5-2-14; Wise, 3-0-6; R. Anderson, 3-1-7; N. Bryant, 9-4-22; Wilson, 2-1-5; Ellis, 1-0-2; J. Bryant, 1-0-2; J. Anderson, 3-0-6; Barnes, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 35, F - 8 (11), T - 81.

Charleroi - 19

Obade, 2-2-6; Hank, 1-2-4; Pappasergi, 0-0-0; Andrisko, 0-0-0; Bell, 0-0-0; Hooks, 2-0-4; Price, 0-0-0; Strelick, 2-1-5; Anderson, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 7, F - 5 (7), T - 19.

Score by quarters:

Charleroi	3	6	10	0	- 19
Washington	26	22	21	12	- 91

Three-pointers: Washington - Kelly 2, Floyd.

Bentworth - 73

Jon Kennedy, 6-3-15; Joe Kennedy, 5-3-14; Selvoski, 6-2-14; Bular, 5-2-12; Jansante, 6-0-12; Sevcik, 2-0-4; Day, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 31, F - 10 (21), T - 73.

Frazier - 58

Miller, 6-0-13; Keebler, 7-2-16; Rock, 0-2-2; Smith,3-0-6; Rebovich, 7-0-16; Thompson, 2-1-5. Totals: FG - 25, F - 5 (11), T - 58.

Score by quarters:

Bentworth	18	22	18	15	- 73
Frazier	10	16	12	20	- 58

Three-pointers: Bentworth - Joe Kennedy. Frazier - Rebovich 2, Miller.

California - 60

Michaux, 4-0-10; Carson, 3-3-10; VanOlst, 6-6-18; Valentino, 5-4-16; Tyler, 1-0-2; Roach, 2-1-5; Shen, 0-1-1; Wright, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 21, F - 15 (25), T - 60.

Jeff-Morgan - 44

Mox, 4-1-13; Edwards, 7-1-16; Montibeller, 1-2-5; Pust, 3-0-6; Falcon, 0-0-0; DeHaas, 1-0-2; Lubich, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 17, F - 4 (8), T - 44.

Score by quarters:

California	13	14	14	19	- 60
Jeff-Morgan	13	13	9	9	- 44

Three-pointers: California - Michaux 2, Carson, Jeff-Morgan - Mox 4, Montibeller, Edwards.

GIRLS

Fort Cherry - 59

Miles, 9-2-21; M. McGivern, 5-1-11; Walter, 4-0-8; J. McGivern, 1-0-3; C. Foltz, 6-2-14; Spinden, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 26, F - 5 (11), T - 59.

Bentwotth - 35

Kennedy, 3-0-6; Hamstra, 1-0-2; Speed, 0-0-0; Robker, 6-5-21; Marshalek, 1-0-2; Ritzer, 2-0-4. Totals: FG - 13, F - 5 (8), T - 35.

Score by quarters:

Fort Cherry	19	17	9	14	- 59
Bentworth	4	9	17	5	- 35

Three-pointers: Bentworth - Robker 4, Fort Cherry - J. McGivern, Miles.

In the NBA

Tuesday's Games

Houston 92, Washington 84
Milwaukee 87, Philadelphia 83
Clevelnnd 95, Seattle 79
Charlotte 115, New Jersey 99
Minnesota 101, Miami 91
L.A. Lakers 117, Memphis 101
New York 105, Chicago 100
Utah 111, Indiana 89
Sacramento 104, Orlando 100

Today's Games

Cleveland at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Seattle at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 10 p.m.
Orlando at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Bowling

Tan-O-Bell Lanes
Epiphany Men's League
Standings

Duquesne, 77-49; St. Vincent, 63-63; Holy Cross, 62-64; Villanova, 66-60; Notre Dame, 57-69; St. John, 52-74.

High scores

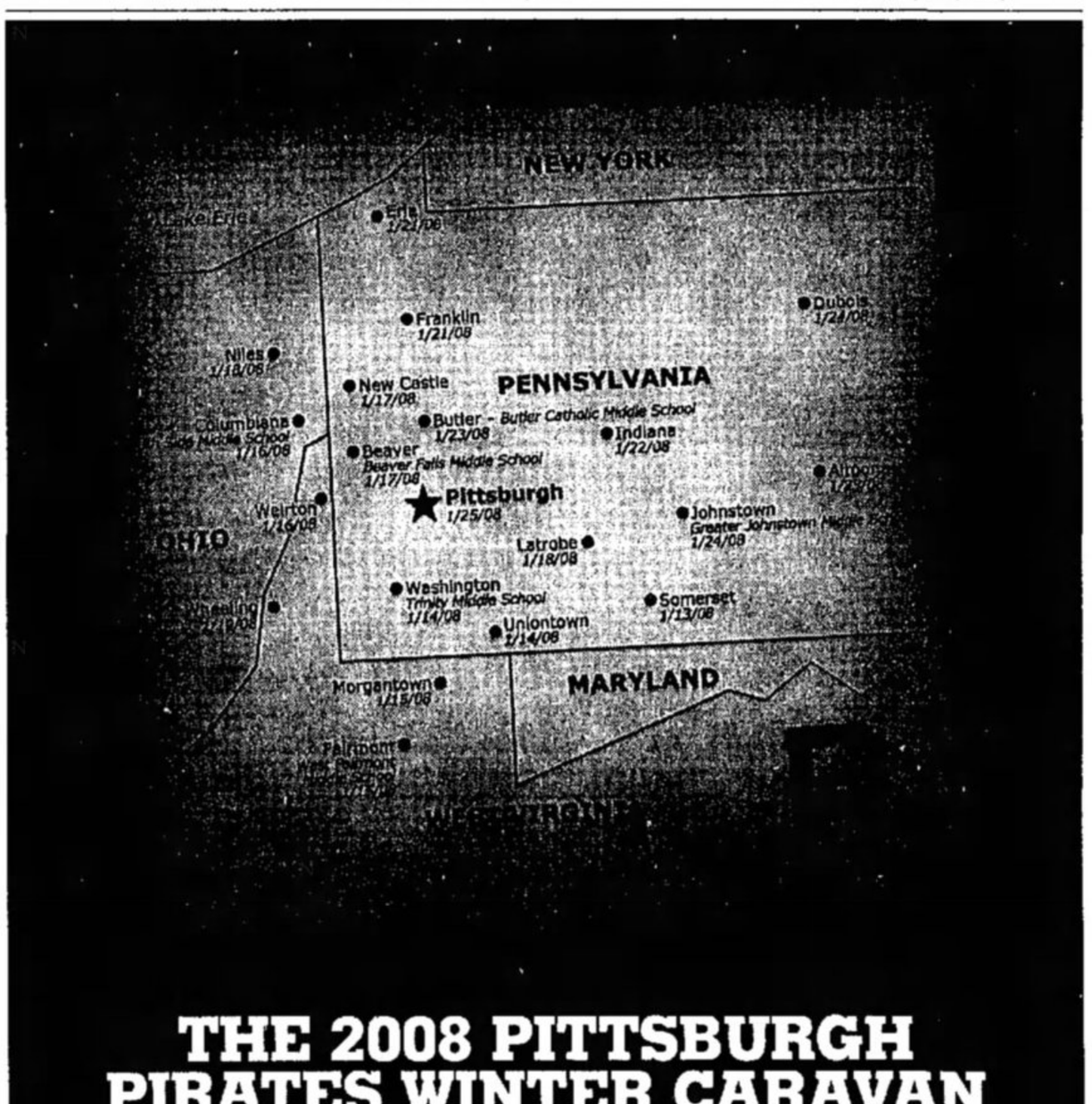
Jim Peltier, 236-592; Anthony Mandernino, 203-501; Lee Nicolaus, 206-498; Stephen Crisi, 154-448; Andy Sagona, 170-481; Nick Kostelac, 178-479; Mike Decurtis, 179-468; Ron Croushore, 171-463; Philip Faraci, 176-460; Joe Gallo, 159-458.

Bowl glance

Saturday, Jan. 12
Hula Bowl
At Honolulu
Aina (East) vs. Kai (West), 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 19
East-West Shrine Classic
At Houston
East vs. West, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday, Jan. 26
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 4 p.m. (NFLN)



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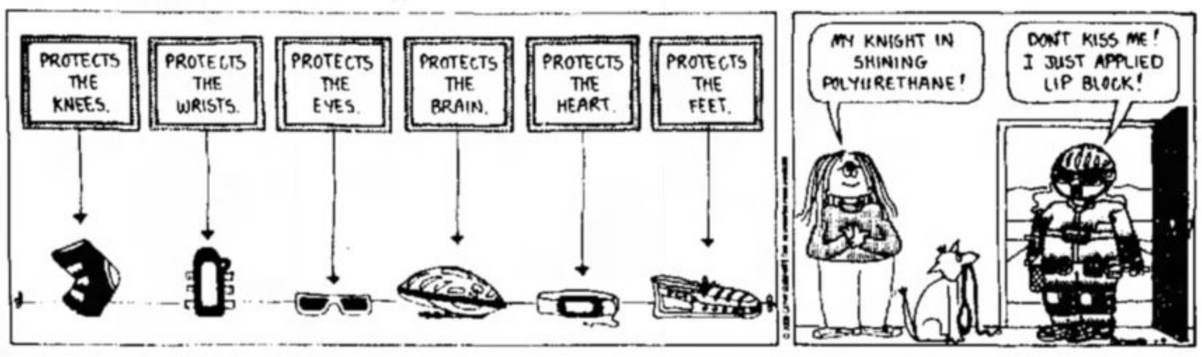

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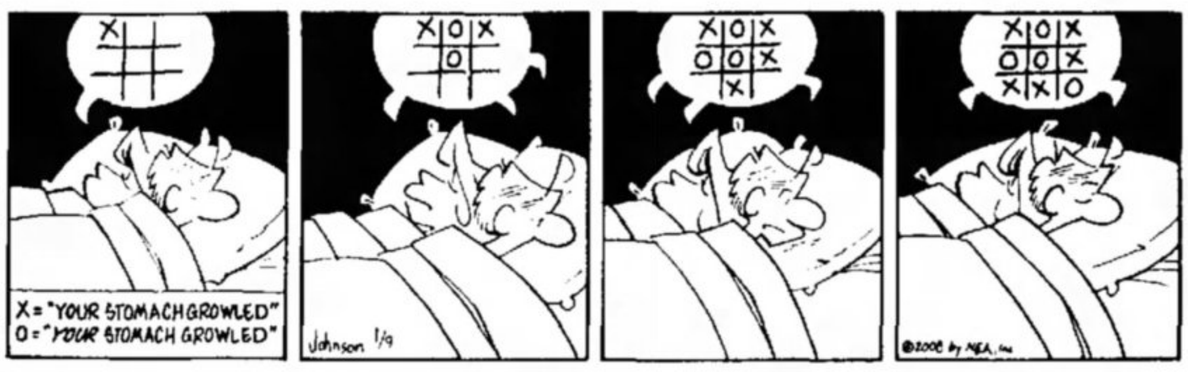

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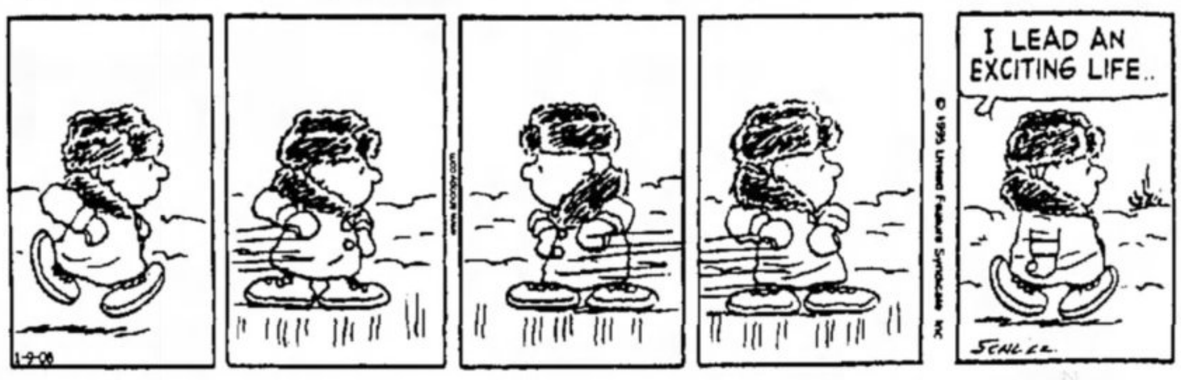

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CONGRATULATIONS! I SEE YOU FINALLY MET SOMEONE.
OH NO. WE'RE NOT DATING... SHE'S JUST AN OLD FRIEND...
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS TO TALK TO A WOMAN EVERY DAY UNTIL I MEET A NEW GIRLFRIEND. SHE'S JUST ONE OF THE MANY WHO REJECTED ME...
KNOCK KNOCK
NO. NO. NOT DATING! NOT DATE-TING!
SHE'S JUST A FRIEND..

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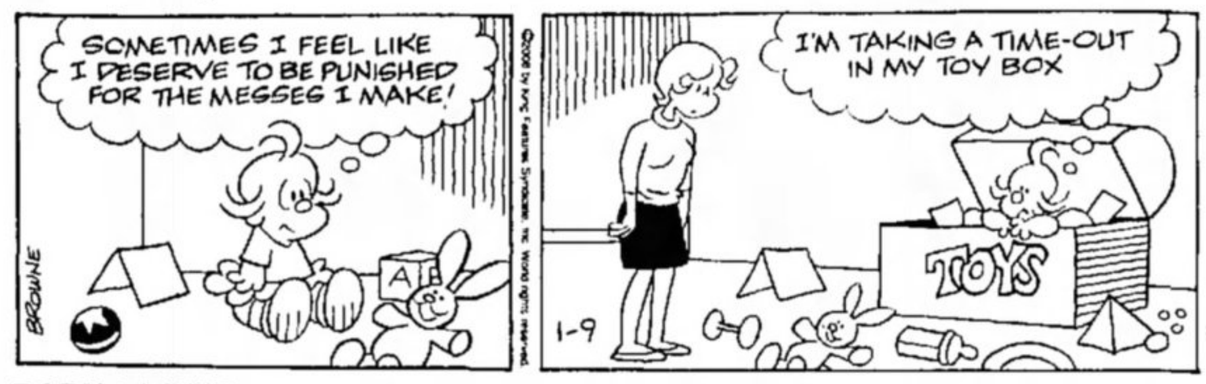

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DO YOU LIKE MISS BUXLEY, ZERO?
AS MY DAD WOULD SAY, "SHE'S PURTIER THAN A SUNSET OVER A CORNFIELD"
HMM
GREG+ MORT WALKER
DID ANYONE EVER TELL YOU YOU'RE PURTIER THAN A SUNSET OVER A CORNFIELD?
YES... ZERO
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BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE BOTH BEEN APPROVED FOR YOUR NEW LIFE INSURANCE! AS WE PLANNED, ALL YOUR NEEDS ARE COVERED...
THERE'S EVEN A PROVISION TO PAY TWICE THE FACE VALUE, IN THE EVENT OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH!
GEE, WE COULD BE SET FOR LIFE IF WE GET LUCKY!
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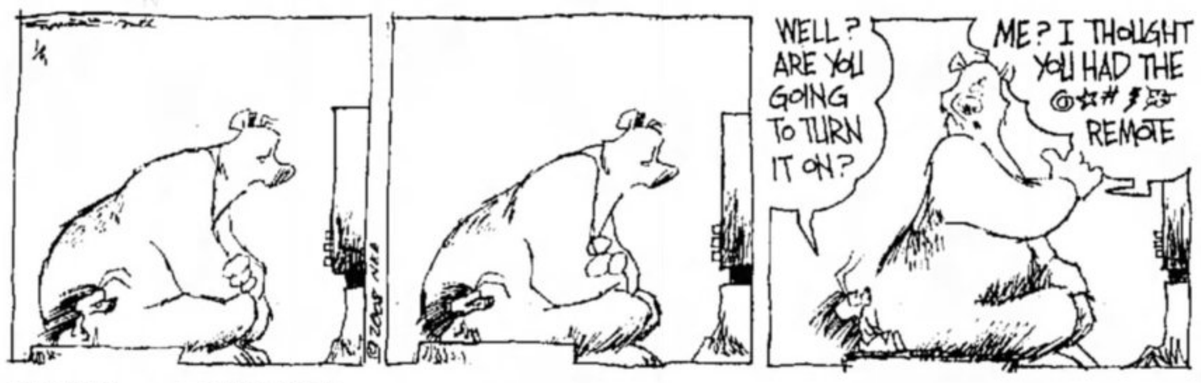

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SO NOW WE'RE DOING PUSH-UPS?
SHOCK YOUR BODY, ALWAYS KEEP IT GUESSING.
BEEN DOING PUSH-UPS ALL MORNING. GRRRRCK. TAE KWON DO IS NEXT.
NEVER DO THE SAME THING TWICE, I SAY.
ONE!
WOW, YOU MEANT THAT LITERAL.

FRANK and ERNEST® by Bob Thaves

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"We've just walked two miles ... that's 14 miles for him."

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IF MY COMMUNICATION SKILLS WERE MORE ADVANCED, I COULD CALL HER AT WORK AND OFFER TO TRADE THE TUNA SANDWICH SHE LEFT ME FOR THE KITTY BITTIES SHE PACKED IN HER LUNCH.
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I DON'T GET THIS CALLER I.D. BUSINESS. HOW CAN a PHONE KNOW WHO'S CALLIN'?
IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S GOT BRAINS OR NUTHIN'.
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I THINK SOMEONE COULD USE SOME CALLER I.Q...
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OKAY, GUYS, ENOUGH JOKING AROUND! GIVE ME BACK MY BOOK OF FACTS!
SORRY, FRANCIS, BUT WE'RE TRYING TO HELP YOU.
WE'RE HELPING TO BREAK YOU OF YOUR TRIVIA ADDICTION.
ADDICTION? OH, COME ON!
I LIKE TRIVIA, BUT I'M NOT ADDICTED TO IT! I CAN WALK AWAY FROM TRIVIA ANYTIME I WANT!
NOW GIVE ME BACK MY BOOK!
GET THE DUCT TAPE.

ALLEY OOP® by Dave Graue

I'M SORRY, EARLIE! IT'S JUST THAT I'M REALLY BUSY, AND I'M EXPECTING SOMEONE, SO I HAVE TO GO NOW!
IT'S THAT DOPE, ALLEY OOP, RIGHT?
HE IS NOT A DOPE!
WELL, HE SURE AS HECK ISN'T TOO SMART FOR SPENDIN' SO MUCH TIME NEGLECTIN' YOU!
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MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

I'M SORRY I WON'T BE AROUND TO HELP YOU ENJOY ALL THE MONEY FROM OUR BUSINESS...YOU SHOULD BE VERY RICH IN A COUPLE OF YEARS!
BRICE WILL KEEP THE OPERATION GOING...YOU'D BETTER STAY AWAY FROM HERE UNTIL THINGS SETTLE DOWN AFTER MY DEATH!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING!
JACK ELROD
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MEANWHILE, AT A RADIOLOGY LAB IN THE NEARBY CITY
SAM, I WAS GOING OVER LUKE WILSON'S X-RAYS... TAKE A LOOK AT THIS... I THINK WE CAN SAVE THIS MAN'S LIFE!

The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Metallic sound
6 Tracks down
11 Defoe castaway
12 Mame was one
13 Witch's job
14 Brother's boy
15 Quark hangouts
16 Sub — (secretly)
17 "Quo Vadis?" role
18 Prohibition
19 Bamboo stalk
23 Landscape
25 Drawer part
26 Felt boot
29 Mooch
32 RV haven
33 Melodrama shout
34 Work clay
35 No matter which
36 Name in jeans
38 In addition
40 "May it not be an —!"
41 Everybody
42 Auto pioneer — Benz
46 Zoo staffers
48 Tibet's — Lama
49 Illinois city
52 Frozen carbon dioxide (2 wds.)
53 Potatoes au —
54 Irregular
55 Purred
56 Portended

DOWN

1 Where Minos ruled
2 Karnak neighbor
3 Famed sci-fi writer
4 Pulls a fast one
5 Small barrel
6 Tints
7 Empty out
8 Highest degree
9 Rail securer
10 Work as a tailor
11 "The Black Camel" gumshoe
12 Soon
16 Injustices (2 wds.)
18 Coffee source
20 "Diana" singer
21 Time to eat
22 Auction site
24 Word of disgust
26 Mallet game
27 Attention-getter
28 Quiet inlet
30 Audacity
31 Newspaper execs
37 Ask along
39 Approved
41 Two fives for — —
43 Up and running
44 Competed at Indy
45 Mortgage, e.g.
47 Camelot lady
48 Early 007 foe (2 wds.)
49 Movie studio
50 Mother lode
51 Rule of conduct
52 Make a knight

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Proud dad at daughter's side during grandson's birth

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I was a single father to my two daughters for several years. I love them with all my heart. Even though I do not always approve of everything they do, my love for them is unconditional, and we're very close.

My 25-year-old daughter, "Tracy," recently had a baby boy. The child's father is not in the picture. She's doing well as a new mom and single working parent. I'm proud of her.

When Tracy was ready to deliver, she asked me to be with her in the delivery room. I had no problem with it, but my current wife (Tracy's stepmom) said she thought it was kind of perverted. I disagreed. My girls have always told me I was the best "mother" they could have ever wished for.

My wife and I didn't exactly have a major blowup over it, but she still insists that my being there was inappropriate. What do you think? — **NEW GRANDPA IN OKLAHOMA CITY**

DEAR GRANDPA: Your daughter gave you the greatest honor a woman can give, and it's because you fulfilled the role of BOTH parents during an important time of her life. If your daughter wanted you with her during this joyous, but stressful time, then that's where you belonged.

Giving birth to a baby is not like performing a pole dance. Your wife should loosen her laces and be less judgmental.

DEAR ABBY: I am 34 and have read your column since I was 14. My parents have a gambling problem. They are both retired and on fixed incomes. They get a check once a month, but as soon as it arrives they spend all their money gambling, and call my sister and me for money because they can't pay their bills.

I don't want to give them any more money because they use it to try and "double" and still don't pay their bills. But my sister and I feel guilty that they don't have any money.

We don't know how to help them. Is it possible to get power of attorney over two gambling addicts who are otherwise healthy adults? If not, what else can you suggest? — **READY TO FOLD IN PHOENIX**

DEAR READY TO FOLD: It's good that you realize your parents are gambling ADDICTS, because addicts have certain behaviors that are universal. First among them, they rope the people who love them into becoming enablers. That is what your parents have done to you and your sister. By giving them money "to pay their bills," what you loving daughters are also doing is enabling them to continue their habit.

Getting power of attorney can be difficult unless the person can be proved unable to responsibly take care of him- or herself. Homelessness might be a compelling example of that.

Your first step should be to contact a chapter of Gam-Anon Family Groups. It's a 12-step fellowship for men and women who are husbands, wives, relatives or friends of compulsive gamblers and who have been affected by their loved one's gambling problem. You and your sister definitely qualify. The Web site is www.gam-anon.org.

Once you begin to understand the self-destructive cycle your parents have created, and how they have caught you in it, it'll be easier to help them get the help they so desperately need.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING — JAN. 9, 2008

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) State of State/ (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N)/ (10) Two and a Half Men Alan prepares Jake.	Power of 10 Contestants compete to win cash. (N)		Criminal Minds "3rd Life" A serial killer abducts two teens, murdering one. (N)		CSI: NY "Happily Never After" A much-hated hotel-owner is found buried beneath an ice sculpture. (N)		News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Morgan Freeman; Chuck Prophet. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Wolfgang Puck. (N)		(2) Extra/ (7) The Insider/ (10) Everybody Loves Raymond Flirting upsets Ray.	(2) (10) Paid/ (7) That '70s Show Hyde meets his real father.	(2) Paid/ (7) (10) CBS Up to the Minute (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition (N)/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of	Wife Swap "Flynn/Orris" A strict Ohio mother trades places with a carefree woman in Missouri. (N)		Supernanny "Schumacher Family" Creating boundaries and instilling respect in children. (N)		Cashmere Mafia "Conference Call" Mia must fire her mentor; Caitlin gets serious about her new girlfriend. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ (23) Jerry Springer (N)	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune "B &	Deal or No Deal A man from Hawaii returns to complete his game. (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Amends" Eames must re-examine her husband's murder.		Law & Order "Misbegotten" An explosion exposes a scientist's controversial research. (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno		Late Night With Conan O'Brien (N)		Last Call With Carson Daly	Poker After Dark Gavin Smith; David Oppenheim; Erick Lindgren; Phil Ivey; Doyle Brunson; Daniel Negreanu. (N)	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) Seinfeld/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld A baseball hero falls for Elaine.	Back to You Disagreeing over handling a bully.	Back to You A raccoon in Kelly's attic.	'Til Death Jeff is named acting principal; Eddie sits at home after being suspended.		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10 (N)		(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier "Seat of Power"/ (53) Scrubs "My	(8) ★★½ Happy, Texas/ (53) Scrubs "His Story III"	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Cheaters
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	On Q	Pioneers of Television "Late Night" (N)		The Jewish Americans By the 1870s, 250,000 Jewish-Americans settle across the United States. (N)				Charlie Rose (N)			OnQ Magazine	Tavis Smiley Lupe Fiasco.	Nova Frozen food, refrigeration and air-conditioning.		Frontline "The Medicated Child"
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Crowned: The Mother of All Pageants (N)		Gossip Girl "A Thin Line Between Chuck and Nate" (N)		The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim		That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park "Free Hat"	Mike Tomlin Show '07-'08	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Whacked Out	Whacked Out	Secrets of Psychics Revealed		TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		Today God	Heritage	Joel Osteen	Aspiring	With Arlene	Quick Study	CBN News	Richard and Lindsay Roberts		Theater		Focus 4		This Is Day	Laverne Tripp
(59) WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Stone Undercover "Royalty"		Cold Squad "Deadly Games"		Reno 911!	Blind Date		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "One Night Stand"		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami "Grand Prix"		CSI: Miami "Felony Flight"		CSI: NY			CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami "Grand Prix"		CSI: Miami "Felony Flight"	
ABCFAM	★★ The Haunted Mansion (2003)				★★ The Haunted Mansion (2003)				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club			Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Precious in His Sight		Paid	Paid
AMC	★★ Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life (2003)				★★ Sniper (1993)				★★½ Hamburger Hill (1987) Recruits try to take muddy hill in Vietnam.					★★½ The Great Raid (2005)					
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Arctic Exposure		Natural World		The Dolphin Murders		Miami Animal Police		Natural World			The Dolphin Murders		Miami Animal Police		Arctic Exposure	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Dancing With the Stars				BBC World News America		Dancing With the Stars					Coupling	World	The Weakest Link	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			Black Carpet	★★★ Menace II Society (1993)				American Gangster		Hell Date	Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx		Comicview		BET Late	
BRAVO	Project Runway		Project Runway "Trendsetter"		Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway (N)		Project Runway		Make Me a Supermodel			Project Runway		Make Me a Supermodel	
CMT	Pure Country	★ Broken Bridges (2006)				CMT Music	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	My Truck	My Truck	My Truck	My Truck		My Truck	My Truck	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		To Be Announced		Deutsch: Guide to Success		Mad Money		To Be Announced			Deutsch: Guide to Success		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Out in the Open		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live			Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★★ Scorched (2002)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Reno 911!	Daily Show	Colbert	South Park	Reno 911!		Daily Show	Colbert	Presents	Presents
COURT	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Party Heat (N)		Most Shocking (N)		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Power, Privilege & Justice		Party Heat			Most Shocking		Forensic Files	Forensic Files
CSPAN	House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today							Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Weapons-World		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		Weapons-World			MythBusters		MythBusters	
DISNEY	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	★★ The Country Bears (2002)			That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible		Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Sunset Tan	Chelsea	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Nicole Kidman: True Story		Snoop Father	Snoop Father	Snoop Father	Snoop Father	E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	★★★ High Fidelity (2000)					Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball Duke at Temple.				NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Dallas Mavericks.					SportsCenter				NFL Live (N)	Fastbreak	SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Schwab	Schwab	American Gladiators		Boxing		Who's Number 1?		American Gladiators		Bull Riding PRCA Xtreme.		Boxing	Joe Louis		Wrestling	Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	2007 World Series of Poker		NFL Live	College Basketball Pittsburgh at South Florida.				NFL's Greatest Game From Jan. 3, 1999.			SportsCenter	2007 World Series of Poker		2007 World Series of Poker		Wtr. X-Games		Winter X-Games Classix (N)	
EWTN	Eucharistic	Stand	Daily Mass: Our Lady		EWTN Live		Super Saints	Holy Rosary	Heart Has Its Reasons		Faith-Culture	Domestic	Daily Mass: Our Lady			EWTN Live		Domestic	Jesus Christ
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes			On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live		Good Eats	Good Eats	Challenge Cookie competition.		Dinner	Dinner	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Challenge Cookie competition.			Dinner	Dinner	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	Savran on SportsBeat		Best Damn 50	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Best Damn Sports Show		SportsBeat	Final Score	Best Damn Sports Show		Final Score	Best Damn Sports Show		SportsBeat		Final Score	Final Score
FX	Undisputed II: Last Man Standing (2006)				★★★ The Rundown (2003)				★★★ The Rundown (2003)				'70s Show	'70s Show		'70s Show	'70s Show	Comfort	Paid
GOLF	British Open Highlights 1976		Sony Open Highlights		Inside PGA	Golf Central	19th Hole (N)	Play Lessons	Play Lessons	19th Hole	Play Lessons	Golf Central	19th Hole	Annika		Lessons-Pros	Play Lessons	Tiger's Clinic	Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Be a Millionaire		How Much	Family Feud	Family Feud	Chain	Lingo	Whammy	Be a Millionaire			Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Murder 101: If Wishes Were Horses (2007)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote			Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Rezoned (N)	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Get It Sold (N)	Deserving	Design-Dime	House	Sleep on It (N)	Desperate Sp.	Whats	Designed-Sell	Get It Sold		Deserving	Design-Dime	House	Sleep on It
HIST	Wild West Tech		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels Rolling mills.		Lost Worlds Kama Sutra.		MonsterQuest (N)		Decoding the Past		Modern Marvels Rolling mills.			Lost Worlds Kama Sutra.		MonsterQuest	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	Cries in the Dark (2006)				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		Sex Slaves in America		Children for Sale		Countdown-Olbermann			Sex Slaves in America		Children for Sale	
MTV	Made	Made Aspiring BMX biker.		Made "Boxer"		Run's House	Run's House	Real World	The Real World "Sydney"		The Real World "Sydney"		Run's House	Run's House		Shot at Love-Tila Tequila		Shot at Love-Tila Tequila	
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OXY	★½ The Sweetest Thing (2002)				Janice Dickinson Modeling		★½ The Sweetest Thing (2002)				Bad Girls	Bad Girls	The Tyra Banks Show			Bad Girls	Bad Girls	The Tyra Banks Show	
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs															Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	Psychiatric	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone	News	News		News	Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters: Return		Ghost Hunters International		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters International		Ghost Hunters			Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files "The Beginning"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		The Ultimate Fighter						CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.			Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	★ Anaconda (1997)					Anacondas: Hunt	
TCM	Let's Do	★★ Let's Try Again (1934)			★★★ The Mayor of Hell (1933)		★★★½ Each Dawn I Die (1939)					★★★ Angels With Dirty Faces (1938)				★★★½ G-Men (1935)			Blonde Crazy
TLC	Property Ladder		Boy Who Sees		My Shocking Story: Big Foot		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Big Medicine "Losing Large"		My Shocking Story: Big Foot		Dr. G: Medical Examiner			Big Medicine "Losing Large"		Boy Who Sees	
TNT	Law & Order		Law & Order		★★½ The Replacements (2000)					★★½ The Replacements (2000)						Without a Trace		Alias "Mirage"	
TOON	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	Codename	Camp Lazlo	Chowder	Courage-Dog	Jimmy's Head	Gym Partner	Ed, Edd	Naruto	Family Guy	Family Guy	Metalocalypse	Shin Chan		Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRAVEL	Treasure Hunting in America		Treasure Hunting in America		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		World Poker Tour				Vegas Do's and Don'ts		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern			World Poker Tour			
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith		Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		NCIS "Sea Dog"		NCIS "The Immortals"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU			Psych "Weekend Warriors"		★★ Formula 51 (2007)	
VH1	Greatest Songs of the '90s		Greatest Songs of the '90s		Greatest Songs of the '90s		Greatest Songs of the '90s		Greatest Songs of the '90s		I Love New York "Reunion"			Hollywood		13th Annual Critics' Choice Awards			
VS.	NHL Hockey	Dakar High.	TapouT		TapouT		★½ Caddyshack II (1988)				TapouT		★½ Caddyshack II (1988)					TapouT	
WE	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Hair Trauma	Hair Trauma	Party Mamas	Party Mamas		Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Hair Trauma	Hair Trauma
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		RoboCop: Prime Directives Part 1 -- Dark Justice				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner Gas	Becker		Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show (N)	
ENC	Dances	★★★ Monster House (2006)			★★ Step Up (2006)			★★ When a Stranger Calls (2006)			★★ Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man (1991) Premiere.			★½ Mother's Boys (1994)				★★ Step Up	
HBO	★★★½ Superman Returns (2006) The Man of Steel faces an old enemy.						Autopsy: Postmortem With		Inside the NFL (N)		Cathouse: The Musical		The Wire "More With Less"			★★½ Judgment Day (1999)		★★★ Tape	
MAX	Three Kings	The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006)			★★ Raising Cain (1992)				★★ Reno 911!: Miami (2007)			Ghost in a Teeny Bikini (2006)				★★ Dead Silence (2007)		Coed Confid.	
SHOW	Lonesome	★½ Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector			The L Word "LGB Tease"		★★ Deep Impact (1998)				Boxing					2001 Maniacs (2005)			
STARZ	★★★ The Mummy (1999)		★★½ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (2006)		★★ Ghost Rider (2007)						★½ The Messengers (2007)			★★★ Marie Antoinette (2006)				★½ Zoom	
TMC	Yours, Mine	★★½ Dust to Glory (2005)			★★ Man About Town (2006) Premiere.		★★★½ Trainspotting (1996) Premiere.					★★★ Sherrybaby (2006)				Richard Pryor Live on the Sunset Strip (1982)		★★ Saw II	

CALENDAR WATCH

Thursday

■ Monessen Italian Heritage Society board of directors meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7 p.m.

■ Father William D. Fries Council 956 Knights of Columbus, Charleroi, meeting, council home, rosary, 7:30 p.m., meeting, 8 p.m.

■ Annita Garibaldi Society meeting, Belle Vernon, 7:30 p.m.

■ Central Blood Bank blood drive to benefit Frank Tiboni, of Rostraver Township, Rostraver Central Volunteer Fire Department, Fells Church Road, 1 to 7 p.m.

■ Lungs at Work free lung capacity screening, Monessen Senior Center, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

■ Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame selection committee meeting, Bellmar Middle School, 7 p.m.

■ American Merchant Marine Veterans from the Mon Valley Chapter meeting, Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Rostraver Township, 12:30 p.m.

■ Caregiver Support Group meeting, Albert Gallatin Home Care & Hospice, Monongahela, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7:30 p.m.

■ Tax program, Monessen Public Library, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Wylie School gathering set

A Wylie School get-together will be held 5 p.m. Thursday at Speer Street Grill.

Valley Garden Club to meet

The Valley Garden Club will hold its first business meeting of the year 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Lynnwood Lutheran Church, Belle Vernon.

D&A board to meet Monday

The board of directors of the Westmoreland Drug and Alcohol Commission Inc. will meet 6 p.m. Monday in room 2304, Commissioner's Hall, Westmoreland County Community College.

Church plans doughnut sale

Transfiguration Church, Monongahela, will hold a doughnut sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday.

VFW Post 1409 to meet Monday

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1409, Monongahela, will hold an important meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday at the post.

Gallatin-Sunnyside meetings canceled

The Gallatin-Sunnyside Senior Citizens will not meet in January or February.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: C equals J

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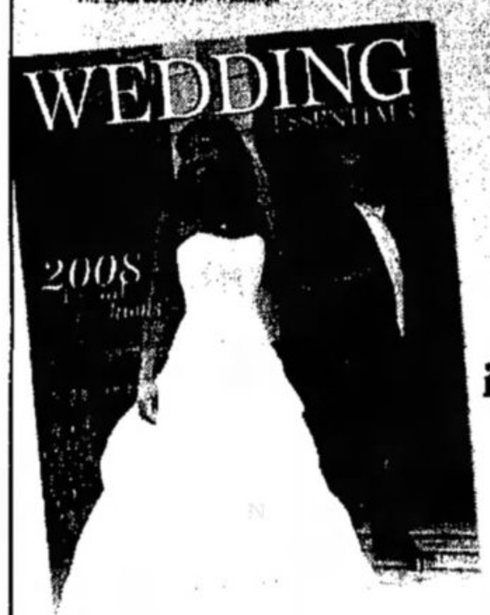

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Braden Andrews, 1, joined the Christmas Cheer Club. He's the son of Doug and Jamie Andrews, of Rostraver Township.

Hunter, 6, and Tanner Moody, 2, joined the Christmas Cheer Club. They're the sons of Ray and Jill Moody, of Belle Vernon.

Belle Vernon Area High School students Crystal Lewis, Jesse Boyd, Shane Robertson and Candace Gordon joined the Christmas Cheer Club.

Nicholas, 4, and Ronnie Naylor, 6, joined the Christmas Cheer Club. They're the sons of Ron and Colleen Naylor, of Rostraver Township.

Morgan, 4, and Ryan Groves, 9, joined the Christmas Cheer Club. They're the children of Beth Maisano, of Monessen.

Olivia, 5, and Sarah Panicucci, 11, joined the Christmas Cheer Club. They're the daughters of Mark and Gina Panicucci, of Monessen.

Nolan, 1, and Nathan Jenkins, 4, joined the Christmas Cheer Club. They're the sons of Todd and Aislynn Jenkins, of Charleroi.

Shane Simpson, 6, joined the Christmas Cheer Club. He's the son of Clarence and Kathy Simpson, of Donora.

Jacob Taylor, 7 joined the Christmas Cheer Club. He's the son of J.D. and Karen Taylor, of Monessen.

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2030/MEETING NOTICES

NOTICE

Charleroi Borough Council will have the following meetings in the Council Chambers every month.

2008-2009 Agenda
First Thurs. at 6 pm

Regular Meeting
Second Thurs. at 6pm

Work Sessions
Third Wed. at 6 pm

BOROUGH OF CHARLEROI
Elaine T. Martinko
Borough Secretary
1/9

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Charleroi Financial MHC, Charleroi, Pennsylvania will be held at 3:00 p.m., January 16, 2008 at the principal office of Charleroi Financial MHC, 101 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, Pennsylvania. The Meeting is for the purpose of electing three directors of Charleroi Financial MHC.

Robert S. Erdely
Vice President Finance
Secretary-Treasurer
1/2, 9

NOTICE

The Newell Municipal Authority will hold their Reorganization Meeting on January 12, 2008, at 12:00 Noon in the Newell Borough Building.

Newell
Municipal Authority
Carl J. Lama, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer
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Bernice Bede Osol

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THURSDAY, JAN. 10, 2008

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December 22 through January 19

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- There may be a fundamental change of attitude toward your material possessions, and it could be one of illusion. If you are thoroughly confused about what is important to you, put aside these affairs for now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Be careful what you think about yourself and your capabilities, because your sense of reality is not too good at this point in time. Consequently, you will get caught up in some unwise projects or schemes.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - You'll spend most of your time in reflection and concern if you allow apprehension to govern your thinking. It's OK to want to withdraw to find inner peace, but don't throw a pity party for yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- It'll be important to have people in your life who share your feelings and ideals, but this could make you very vulnerable to deception or disillusionment. Be careful not to let anyone take advantage of you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- If you feel your work justifies your efforts, it will give you a great lift and sense of purpose. If you think otherwise, this could be a difficult day for you. Try to look at the positive side of things.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Don't be surprised if you find yourself seeking a higher truth or consciousness at this point in time, but be careful that your rearch doesn't confuse your outlook about your present circumstances. You'll be back on track tomorrow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Because your instincts tell you some changes are necessary, you could find yourself searching for underlying factors that exist between you and someone with whom you're involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- There is some danger of over-idealizing a relationship and believing things are just fine when, in reality, they are not. If you remain realistic about your affairs, you will be able to handle things far better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You will find yourself totally disenchanted with your work if you let ego get in the way of accomplishments. Enjoy your own labors for what they are and don't allow false expectations dilute your efforts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- If you think finding the right romantic mood with your ideal person would make everything perfect in your world, you are setting yourself up for a big disappointment. Illusion must not be taken seriously.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- It will be difficult for anything in the real world to live up to any unrealistic thinking about what your family and surroundings should be. Life is what you make of it, not what you image it to be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Be as concise and clear as you possibly can in your communications with others, because for reasons beyond your control, misunderstandings are prevalent. Deliberate misrepresentations would severely damage your image.

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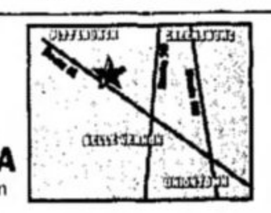

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